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Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.32	4.35	5.29	7.21
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.26	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30
Shatin	...Dep.	7.03	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo	...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.55	11.08	12.38	1.56	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling	...Dep.	7.32	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.21	5.34	6.29	8.19
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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	—	—	8.45	—	—	—	—	3.00
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.19	8.06	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	5.20	5.40	6.06	6.40
Shumchun	...Dep.	7.26	8.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.13	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.31	8.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
TaipoMarket	Dep.	7.41	8.27	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	—	6.01	6.29	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.45	8.32	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	—	6.05	6.33	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.58	8.45	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	—	6.18	6.46	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.12	8.57	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.20	9.05	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	6.04	6.38	7.06	7.20

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Fanling		7.45	11.50	2.20	3.20	6.25
Shataukok		8.40	12.25	3.15	4.15	7.20

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Shataukok		6.30	10.15	1.05	2.05	5.00	5.15
Fanling		7.25	11.10	2.00	3.00	5.55	6.10

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, February 19th.

The event of the week in the business world is the purchase of the great motoring firm of Wolseley Motors, Ltd., by Mr. W. R. Morris, founder of the famous enterprise which bears his name—whose motor cars, the Morris Oxford and the Morris Cowley, are now known throughout the world. The Wolseley concern went into liquidation last November. The purchase price paid by Mr. Morris is £730,000. A spice of dramatic interest attaches to the deal as it is well-known that American financial interests were very eager to get hold of the Wolseley business, which has a high reputation for first class motor-cars. Mr. Morris will carry on his new venture on his own business lines which have brought him fame and fortune in the case of the Morris cars. A new six-cylinder car is to be developed for sale at home and abroad.

Mr. Morris already employs directly 10,000 people, apart from the army in other engineering works that depend upon his activities. As a result of his purchase he expects to have his pay-roll increased before long by 5,000 names. His hope is to start operations at once in order to take advantage of the spring motor season. Works, offices, depots and selling centres of Wolseley Motors, Ltd., have remained open, and they are to be re-vitalised in an effort to capture for Britain the big share in the medium-priced car trade now held by foreign manufacturers.

Overseas Markets.

But Mr. Morris is not the only motor-car manufacturer who is up and doing to extend business. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders are sending out three very well known gentlemen as delegates to Australia and New Zealand to look over the country and make themselves thoroughly familiar with the conditions that prevail in the two Dominions. The three delegates are Mr. Boyd Carpenter, M.P., Mr. Fenn and Colonel Hacking.

This is a direct consequence of the discussions at the recent Imperial Conference in London. At present both in Australia and New Zealand the Ford car practically monopolises the market. The drawbacks to the Ford are that it is produced by mass production, and the car cannot be altered or adapted to the special needs of a particular district without the Ford factory changing the whole of its plant. It is believed that it is at this point where the more elastic British method of manufacture will be able to challenge and beat the ubiquitous Ford.

It was made clear at the Imperial Conference that if the British manufacturers could produce a car that could be altered in its parts to suit the varying conditions in the two Dominions there would be a very good market for it. It is a sign of the times.

Mrs. Baldwin's Hospitality.

I hear that politicians and their wives—especially the latter—are pleased at the news current in Westminster that Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, wife of the Prime Minister, is arranging to resume her "At homes" at No. 10, Downing Street. During the last session of Parliament these social functions were a great success, and were extremely popular with the wives of Members of Parliament. The guests are not, of course, confined to the Ministerial side, and it is an agreeable fact that M.P.'s who differ violently on the floor of the House with the policy of the Government, and also their wives are glad to avail themselves of the hospitality which Mrs. Baldwin graciously dispenses at No. 10.

The "At homes" became so popular last year that the house proved to be too small to accommodate all the guests. When the weather is kind that difficulty does not arise, because at the back of No. 10 there is a very cosy compact garden leading down to the Horse Guards' Parade, and the overflow from an

(*Continued on next column*).

"At home" can be accommodated in ideal surroundings in that pleasant retreat. Mrs. Baldwin last year was assisted by her daughters, and the Prime Minister himself always made a point of looking in from time to time as he could be spared from his duties in the House of Commons on the other side of Whitehall.

New London Theatre.

The old Oxford Music Hall at the junction of Oxford Street and Tottenham Court Road is coming down, and on the site there will presently arise a new theatre which is to be called the Casino, and will be the second largest in London. This is something to make a note of, but even more interesting from the standpoint of the theatre-goer is the announcement that the price of a stall is to be only 7/6.

The patron of the theatre in these days who has to pay 12/6 for a seat in the stalls in the West End will receive this promised consideration for his pocket with satisfaction. For a long time the cost of his amusement has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished. The primary cause is of, course, the exactions of landlords and ground landlords, and the secondary cause is widespread profiteering in theatre leases. For the first there is no immediate remedy, but the second will be defeated as soon as London is adequately provided with modern theatres to displace some of those obsolescent playhouses which at present are able to exact fancy prices.

Sir Alfred Butt, who is to act as managing director of the new theatre, says he realises that the future of amusement lies in the reduction of prices of admission. If the Casino does anything to bring that about the public will have reason for gratitude. At present it costs more to see a good play or an opera in London than in any capital city in Europe. I believe the public would not complain quite so much as they do if theatrical managements or the players reaped the benefit. But they do not. It goes into the pockets of landlords and speculators.—H.B.

IN GERMANY TO-DAY.

"MOBILISING FOR TRADE PUSH."

MORE TRAFFIC ON RHINE THAN EVER.

Sir Arthur Yapp, who has recently returned from a visit to the British Army on the Rhine, told a press representative that Germany was ready for the next great offensive.

"This time," he said, "she is not mobilising her armed forces for purposes of invasion and destruction, but her massed battalions of commerce are making a bid for commercial supremacy. There is more traffic on the Rhine than I have ever seen before."

Inquiries had convinced him that the people in Germany had a mind to work, and did not seem to care what were the hours so long as they could secure employment. With this "will to work" there was a revived interest in sport.

Lower Prices.

The mark is stabilised, and conditions generally are once more approximating normal. Food is slightly less costly than in England; fancy leather goods are much cheaper; while woollen sweaters and pull-overs are cheaper in Wiesbaden than in Leicester, where they are made. There are a considerable number of British motor-cars on the road, and they compare very favourably with cars of German make.

Germany appears to be making great progress with commercial aviation. I am assured that she has some wonderful machines, and is experimenting and perfecting her aeroplanes all the time. The only aeroplanes one sees at Wiesbaden, or anywhere in occupied Germany, are French. German airmen are not allowed to fly over occupied territory.

"Tommies'" Host of Friends.

"The English 'Tommy' is always a great ambassador of Empire," continued Sir Arthur, "and in occupied Germany he has won golden opinions and made hosts of friends."

There was nothing ostentatious about the British occupation. The policy of the High Command had been to interfere with the people of the country as little as possible, and justice had been administered with strict impartiality. The British Commander-in-Chief (General Sir John Du Cane) was popular and respected by British, French, and Germans alike.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Entries close for 1st Extra race meeting, noon.
Football and Cricket: Details in to-day's issue.
Yachting: Service Members' Presented Cup for racing yachts.
Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.
Macao Inaugural Race Meeting.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Warden and Members of Morrison Hall (University) concert and dance, City Hall, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club present "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Frontier."
World Theatre: "The Lost World."
Star Theatre: "Bride of the Storm;" "Waking up the Town."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *vid* Marseilles (*Mongolia*), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

Golf: Bogey Pool; H.K. and S. Bank *v.* Batterfield and Swire, Fanling.
Macao Inaugural Race Meeting (second day).
Cricket: K.B.S.F.P.A. *v.* H.K. Electric R.C., King's Park; Combined Schools XVI. *v.* Dr. Ponsonby Fane's XI., University ground Pokfulam, 1.30 p.m.
Chinese Recreation Club annual meeting, Club House, 2.30 p.m.
Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m. (Service men invited).
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (*President Madison*); Europe *viâ* Suez (*Devanha*). Outward: Europe *viâ* Suez (*Devanha*), 9 a.m.

Monday.

Golf: Bogey Pool, Fanling.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Kowloon Golf Club annual meeting, Central British School, Kowloon, 6 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Jascha Hiefetz, Violinist, at Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Adrastus*), 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong A.D.C. present "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Jascha Hiefetz, Violinist, Queen's Theatre, 9.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Adrastus*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

5th Yearly Meeting Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
16th Annual Meeting of Bank Canton, Ltd., No. 6, Des Voeux Road, 2.30 p.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Tea dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Rugby: Annual match between H.K. Rugby Club *v.* H.K. and S. Bank, Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Principal mails:—Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (*Tango Maru*), 9.30 a.m.

Thursday.

43rd Yearly meeting Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong A.D.C. present "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Friday.

H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament (details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Diocesan Girls' School annual speech day.
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Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8 p.m.
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FORTNIGHTLY BULLETIN PUBLISHED AT WUHAN.

Reference has already been made in these columns, to the fact that Chinese able to write English have been called from Canton to Hankow in order to help in propaganda work. The *N.-C. Daily News* mentions this and goes on to say that:—

This work has apparently been started now and a budget of typewritten sheets entitled "Chinese Correspondence" has come to hand from the "Press Office of the Political Department of the Headquarters of the National Revolutionary Army of China." It is interesting because it may be regarded as representing the official policy of the Nationalists. The Editorial Management publish the following foreword:—

"A new China is coming into existence—a revolutionary China! Until recently confined to Canton on the Pearl River, it has within a few months extended the domain of its power in double quick space. Now, the centre of the revolutionary power lies in the Wuhan cities on the Yangtsze River. From this point the nationally revolutionary movement directs its invincible stream toward North China.

"What has hitherto been accomplished is the work of the united efforts of the labourers, soldiers, farmers and students. These forces will not rest until the Kuomintang flag will wave over the territories of China which are as yet controlled by imperialism and its military partisans; and until the whole of China shall stand in united revolutionary power against imperialism. In this struggle of world significance, revolutionary China stands in rank and file with all the oppressed nations and exploited classes of the world, which to-day are forming a front against imperialism.

"However, with the victorious advancement of the National Revolution in China, there is growing a flood of lies by which the imperialistic press endeavours to strangle the truth concerning revolutionary China. We place the revolutionary truth against the imperialistic lie.

Threats to Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The first article deals with "the political and economic significance of the settlements" and incidentally refers to the boycott of Canton against Hong Kong. It says that the boycott of Canton against Hong Kong caused serious losses to the British Colony.

"From the point of view of China's economic development, however, the aim is not the destruction, but the restoration of Hong Kong to China."

Under the heading of "the revolutionary restoration of other concessions," "Chinese Correspondence" says:

"The national revolutionary army is now marching on Shanghai, the chief seat of British imperialism in China. The British press is advocating that the imperialistic powers rouse themselves to united action for the defence of Shanghai. Shanghai shall be regarded as a neutral trade zone and be protected by the united fleet of the imperialistic powers. The phrase "neutral zone," can deceive none. In case of an open or armed intervention, British imperialism will only hasten its downfall in China in its Asiatic colonies and its other spheres of influence in Asia."

Comparison With Boxer Riots.

"It is simply ludicrous," says this "Chinese Correspondence," "when the imperialistic press attempts to compare the present situation with the boxer uprising in 1900. This comparison is made in order to prove that the united intervention of the navies of the imperialists, is the only solution. In the so-called boxer fights the Chinese masses arose up against imperialistic oppression and the corrupt rule of their own imperial government. They looked upon every "foreign devil" as their enemy, and believed that they could throw off all imperialistic oppression, by driving the foreigners out. The present national revolutionary movement is, on the contrary, an organized, definite fight of the whole Chinese people against the reactionary militarism in their own land and at the same time, against imperialism. This movement attacks the evils at their very roots. The present fight is against the agents of imperialism in China. It is not against the "foreigner" as such, but only against those among the foreigners, who unfairly hold territory within Chinese boundaries, and who exploit and oppress the Chinese people. In this struggle the national revolutionary movement presents a solid battle front with all oppressed nations and exploited classes in the world.

"The imperialistic powers must recognize that the time of unequal treaties and special privileges for suppression and exploitation on Chinese territory is past. The peaceful foreign merchant requires no concessions in China and will be protected by the laws and the power of the Nationalist Government. The revolutionary movement will not rest, until it has made an end of all imperialistic privileges in China."

The same article says:

"The Height of Folly."

"The Nationalist Government and the national revolutionary Army are primarily fighting reactionary militarism. Only when this is completely crushed, can they direct all their forces against imperialism. It would be the height of folly, if at present, while a large number of the Chinese people are still oppressed by military dictators, the Nationalist Government should engage in a conflict on two fronts, namely; against militarism and imperialism."

AGITATORS' DAY OUT.

SHANGHAI'S "SUN YAT SEN ANNIVERSARY."

KUOMINTANG SECTIONS AT WAR.

Although the rain put an effective damper on various demonstrations which had been planned for Saturday, birthday of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, it did not prevent something in the nature of a battle in Route Vallon, between rival factions of the Kuomintang.

The inside story of this civil war is a facsimile of the Kuomintang situation in Hankow.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen's private residence at 29 Route Moliere is a sort of shrine for members of the Kuomintang. All factions of the Kuomintang go there on occasion and bow to his picture in reverence. The Communists through the local C.P. organization, arranged to hold memorial services at "29" on Saturday. During the services, the proposal was made that those present should go to "44" to break the heads of the Right Wing, who were also holding a memorial service. The chairman of the "29" meeting objected to such a scandalous procedure and the matter was dropped officially.

Historical Headquarters.

Now, 44 Route Vallon is a famous place. It is the historical headquarters of the Kuomintang, long the party office of Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Known in Chinese republican history as "44," it has a reputation unequalled in the annals of Shanghai houses. The Right Wing is now in possession of "44" and that is one of its claims to being the only true Kuomintang party—it has the headquarters of the party. The Communists, however, are more bitter against the Right Wing than against outsiders, for they insist that the Right Wing are using the name of the party in vain. The Right Wing, on the other hand, regard the C.P. as thieves who were permitted to enter the house and who, having stolen everything, drove out their hosts.

So, on Saturday, the Communists having satisfied their souls, marched from Route Moliere to Route Vallon, hurled a brick through the window at "44" and started a free-for-all fight, in the course of which, it is pointed out with unmistakable pride, the Communists got the worst of the bargain. A few Communists are in the hospital; several have been arrested and much bitterness has been engendered. During the engagement, a shot was fired, by whom, of course, is not known.

Nanking Road Incident.

Later in the afternoon, at about 4 o'clock, another attempt was made by the Left Wing to distribute pamphlets, this time in Nanking Road. These men, who were in possession of leaflets, went up to the roof gardens of the three big department stores, whilst others stayed in Nanking Road, apparently waiting for the signal. Shortly afterwards eight motor cars, each of which carried a small white flag inscribed with the words. "For the funeral service of Dr. Sun," approached and as soon as they arrived at the corner of Chekiang Road, they fired several packages of fire crackers, following which those on the roof gardens and the other below began to throw the leaflets about, shouting as they did so, "Down with British imperialism:" and "Down with the Right Section!" For a time it looked as though trouble was going to break out, but fortunately this was averted by the excellent precautions which had been taken by the Municipal authorities, the police dispersing the crowd after traffic had been held up for some 15 minutes.

AN OASIS OF NORTH CHINA

WHERE PEOPLE PURSUE THEIR OLD PASTIMES.

FREEDOM FROM POLITICIANS.

CHOUTSUN, Shan., Mar. 5th.

There are still some parts of China which are free from bandits, and where more or less normal conditions obtain. In such an area "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife" it was my privilege recently to spend about 10 days, writes a *N.-C. Daily News* correspondent. The people determined to have their usual New Year festivities. On the 15th of the Cheng Yueh two immense baskets were brought into the main street of the market town. These were soon emptied, and the cleverly made lanterns representing all sorts of animals, dragons, etc., were hung on ropes spanning the main street. Next red native candles were given out to each shop or house. These were lit at dusk, and processions mostly of boys, with girls' coats on and carrying very pretty lanterns, marched through the street. They stopped very frequently, and at each shop door were welcomed with crackers, whilst the centre of the road was lit up by firework displays at intervals.

The Problem of Motor Roads.

Our local road running from Choutun up to the Yellow River, a distance of less than 50 miles, has had to close down. There have been many difficulties, but the last straw was the failure to get the road swept after the heavy snowfall. I heard that at one of the stations over 50 people were staying in the inns hoping to be able to get down. Fancy prices have been secured by carters, partly because of the wretched conditions of the roads and the numbers of people who are bound to travel after New Year, but even more because those who have carts are afraid they will be commandeered by the military.

The Chefoo-Weishien road was swept at once after the snowfall, and the normal service was quickly restored. This last month must have been a record in their receipts from passengers. Does not a comparison of these cases point a moral in favour of that much abused word "capitalism"?

STREET-DEATH CONFERENCE.

It was stated at a London County Council meeting that a conference on street accidents will be held shortly at the Ministry of Transport.

There were 3,971 deaths from street accidents in Great Britain in 1925.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	March 16th, 1927.
B.K. Bank	$1,085 buy.
Do., London	£114 nom.
Chartered Bank	£21 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & S.	£33 nom.
Do., O.	£13½ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ buy.
East Asia Bank	$74 sel.
Canton Insurance	$663½ buy.
China Underwriters	$0.80 buy.
North China Ins.	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	$259 buy., 260 sa.
Yangtsze Insurance	Mex. $98 nom.
China Fire Insurance	$205 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$640 buy.
Douglases	$51½ nom.
Steamboats	$20 sel., 19½ sa.
Hong Kong Tugs	$1.10 nom.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$30 sel.
Do. (Def.)	$40 buy.
Shell Transports	£9.0 sel.
Star Ferries	$54 buy.
Waterboats	$14 nom.
China Sugars	$32 sel.
Malabon Sugars	$31 nom.
Benguets	$1.35 nom.
Kaulan Mining A.	38/- nom.
Lanykats (combined)	Tls. 22 nom.
Do. (single)	Tls. 10½ buy.
Shai. Explorations	Tls. 4 nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 7 nom.
Raubs	$4 sel.
Tronoh Mines	21/- buy.
Ural Caspians	8/- nom.
H.K. & K. Wharfs	199 buy. & sa., 102 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	$40 nom.
Hongkews	Tls. 130 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 5½ buy.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 103 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$7 buy., 7.40 sel.
H.K. Lands	$52½ buy.
Hong Kong Realtys	$6 buy.
H.K. Territorials	$2½ sel.
Humphreys Estates	$13½ buy.
Prince's Buildings	$39 nom.
Rural Lands	$1½ sal.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 7.85 buy.
Orientals	Tls. 2½ nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 54 buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 27 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 9½ nom.
H.K. Tramways	$20.60 buy.
Peak Trams (old)	$15½ buy.
Do. (new)	$8½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	11/- sel.
Taxis	$1 sel.
Amusements	$17.50 sel.
Canton Ices	$5 nom.
Cements (combined)	$7 buy., 7.10 sa.
Do. (old)	$6 nom.
Do. (new)	$1½ sel.
China Lights (comb.)	$14 buy.
Do. (old)	$11½ nom.
Do. (new)	$7 sel.
China Providents	$4 buy.
Constructions	$4.30 nom.
Dairy Farms	$16½ buy.
Der. A. Wings	$6 nom.
H.K. Electrics	$55 sel.
Macao Electrics	$35 buy.
H.K. Ropes (old)	$10 sel.
Do. (new)	$5 sel.
Lane Crawfords	$7 buy.
Mackintoshs	$19½ nom.
Sinceres	$8½ buy.
United Asbestos	$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	$12½ nom.
Wm. Powells	$8½ nom.
Telephones	$34 buy.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales nom.—nominal.

EXCHANGE.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

March 18th, 1927.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/11⅞
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 7/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/11⅞
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/0 7/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/0 9/16
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,205
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,230
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	47⅜
Credits, at 60 days' sight	49
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Tranfer	130½
Bank Bills, on demand	130½
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	130⅜
Bank Bills, on demand	130⅜
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	96
ON MANILA.—On demand	94½
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	84½
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	118½
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand	nom.
ON SAIGON.—On demand	—
ON BANGKOK.—On demand	95½
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying rate	$9.90
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	—
BAR SILVER, per oz.	25 3/16

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 17th.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.93
Amsterdam	12.13⅝
Berlin	20.46
Copenhagen	18.22
Vienna	34.49½
Helsingfors	192⅝
Lisbon	2.17-32
Bucharest	815
Buenos Aires	47.9-16
Shanghai	2/6
Yokohama	2/0⅛
New York	4.85.15-32
Geneva	25.23
Milan	100
Stockholm	18.13
Oslo	18.58½
Prague	164
Madrid	27.78½
Athens	375½
Rio	5⅛
Bombay	1/6.1-32
Hong Kong	1/11⅛
Silver (spot)	25.3-16
Silver (forward)	25.1-16

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CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

MARCH 20TH, 1927, 3rd Sunday in Lent:—
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Children's Service at 10 a.m.
Matins at 11 a.m.:—
Preacher.—Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell, M.C.F.
Subject:—"THE GREAT NEED."
Holy Communion at 12 noon.
Evensong at 6 p.m.:—
Preacher:—Rev. H. A. Witton Bach.
Subject:—"CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED."
There will be a social gathering in the Cathedral Hall after Evensong. A Cordial Welcome to Service Men and others. Music, Light Refreshment.

THURSDAY, March 24th:—
Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m.
Choral Evensong and Address by Rev. G. H. Hewitt, R.N., at 5.45 p.m.

FRIDAY, March 25th:—
Organ Recital by Mr. Mason at 7.45 p.m. [97

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SUNDAY SERVICES, March 20th:—
Morning Service at 10.30 a.m.:—
Hymns: 1, 90, 142 and 147.
Preacher:—Rev. J. K. Maconachie, who will give an address on the Bicentenary of Sir Isaac Newton.
P.S.A. in Lecture Hall at 4 p.m.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.:—
Hymns: 323, 231, 400, 446 and 671.
Preacher:—Rev. Frank Short.

WEDNESDAY, March 23rd, at 8.15 p.m.—Soldiers' and Sailors' Christian Association.

FRIDAY, March 25th, at 8.30 p.m.—Christian Endeavour Meeting and Social Hour. [98

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

MACDONNELL ROAD, BELOW BOWEN ROAD TRAM STATION.

SUNDAY SERVICE, March 20th, at 11.15 a.m.:—
Subject:—"MATTER."
Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m.
Reading Room at above address, open Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m.
The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room. [87

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HIDDEN GRAVES OF 5,000 YEARS AGO.

MANICURE SETS.

A cemetery nearly five thousand years old, in which nearly every grave contains ornaments of gold and silver and richly coloured stones, has been found at Ur, in Mescpotamia, the birthplace of Abraham, by the joint expedition of the British Museum and the University of Pennsylvania.

The report of the expedition states that the cemetery, which dates back to 3000 B.C., was found near Nebuchadnezzar's sacred temple. The distinguishing feature of the graves was their wealth in precious metals.

"Diadems and chains, rings and carrings, beads and amulets in gold and silver are quite common," states the report, "and some of them are wonderful illustrations of the art of the early goldsmith.

"The designs are simple, and the effect depends rather on colour than on form, but sometimes there has been preserved to us a real treasure, such as a diadem engraved with figures of men and animals, a statuette of a bull in gold, or a chain of intricately woven links set in lapis lazuli.

Reticules.

"There are smaller things, such as reticules containing manicure sets and pins with ornamental heads, often of lapis lazuli set with silver or gold. Of beads there is a profusion, generally of lapis or cornelian, gold or silver, and with these come magnificent examples of engraved cylinder seals.

"The best of them are of rock crystal with copper caps, and the holes down their centres, instead of being kept free for stringing, are filled in with white and crimson paste, making a chevron pattern which is visible through the crystal walls."

"We have dug down below the brick pavements of Nebuchadnezzar, and found what is probably unique in Mesopotamia, an inscription on ivory in the Phœnician language, and with this a set of Phœnician toilet articles in ivory, including a beautifully engraved comb.

"Another excavation brought to light a building of remarkable interest, for it proved that as early as 2100 B.C. a royal hall could be roofed with arches and vaults.

"Particularly welcome, therefore, was the chance find of a shell plaque dating to about 3000 B.C., with an engraving of a priest offering sacrifice."

IN TOUCH.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—

Devanha, Suiyang, Antung, Fook Sang, West Sequana, Hirundo, General Metzinger, Taiping, Bellerophon, Earchbank, Cremer, President Madison, Tjimanock, Canada Maru, Atsuta Maru, Taikwa Maru, Nagano Maru, Menado Maru.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. ACTIVITIES.

HOPES TO RAISE $20,000 THIS YEAR.

The Chinese Young Men's Christian Association is to start its annual campaign for funds and new members next Monday, when a large gathering of representative Chinese will meet at dinner and also draw up their plans.

This year the Association hopes to raise $20,000 for their work which, according to Mr. Yimson H. Tsao, will deal more with community service than ever before. The recent Health Week was an example of the kind of thing aimed at, and this attention to the question of health is one branch of the many services the Association trying to perform for the people of Hong Kong. Through the Association, more than 10,000 persons have been given free vaccination.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. is also training young men for work in local business firms and offices and there is a successful employment department run by the Association.

Leaders of groups of well-known Chinese who are assisting the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in their efforts to raise funds this year are Dr. Arthur W. Woo, vice-president of the China Medical Association, Professor J. D. Bush and Messrs. Wat Lok Hing, Lee Ping Chiu, Chuk Yan Ko, Wong Sum kan, and Chan Lai Chun.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

PRICES ADVANCING.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extreme-Orient, in their report dated Saigon, March 6th, state:—

Since our last advices, only a small amount of business has been done with Japan. Speculators and shippers are short of cover for prompt shipment and the millers being unable to meet the whole of the demand, the market rules very strong and the prices are still advancing.

Brokens:—Prices are moving up in sympathy with those of the rise.

Ricemeal:—No sale reported to Europe. Regular shipments are made to Hong Kong in fulfillment of freight contracts.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to February 28th, 1927, is 211,433 tons against 173,429 tons in 1926.

We quote to-day white Saigon rice No. 1 25% brokens round grain: Hong Kong $7.80 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; £0.13/- per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; yen 7.60 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon. White Saigon rice No. 2 sifted, Japan quality: Hong Kong $7.35 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; £0.12.2½ per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; yen 7.25 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon. For March-April shipment.

THE MISCHIEF MAKERS.

SIR A MOND ON POLITICAL MEDDLERS.

HOW THEY MAKE TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Sir Alfred Mond, chairman of the great combine of chemicals manufacturers and one of the ablest business men in England vigorously denounced, to the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce the mischievous interference of ignorant Socialist politicians in the China situation.

On this and other subjects his address, of which we give the following summary is full of interest.

Sir Alfred opened by asking why Chambers of Commerce exercised such an insignificant effect on the policies of Governments. The Chambers represented the best brains of the country, and yet, as a Member of Parliament, as a Member of the Government for a number of years, as as a business man, he had not found Chambers of Commerce exercising in any direction, that influence on public opinion, on the House of Commons, or on Government decisions, which they could do.

Position in China.

For instance, there was the position of China. Going to the Foreign Office, he had seen there representatives of the Labour Party and even Communists, but never representatives of the Chambers of Commerce. Personally, he could see no reason why the Chambers should not exercise a vast influence, except for the tradition that they must keep off party politics, and therefore they must not discuss anything at all that mattered.

Chambers of Commerce seemed to him to be bodies which, organised as they were, could without any great difficulty put themselves into a position to spread decided views on questions of this kind. He felt very strongly on this Chinese question, perhaps because the firm with which he was concerned had large interests in China, and had large staffs there. He had a letter from his managing director who had been in China for 25 years, and who informed him that unless strong action were taken, the position of British firms in China would become absolutely impossible.

"Most of the people who are continually advising us about the interests of British trade in China are people who have never done any business in China," said Sir Alfred. "Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Mr. Lloyd George, who have never done any business anywhere, are telling us what we ought to do in China. I attach more importance to people who have been on business for a quarter of a century than I do to politicians in this country."

We had had nothing but "Hands off China" meetings. Why did we not have demonstrations urging that our people in China should be protected? We had got so easy going and tolerant, so used to allowing everybody to brew poison and sedition and revolution in this country that it was thought it could go on indefinitely. "I tell you here and now you cannot," declared Sir Alfred with emphasis. "You cannot continue to allow poison to be instilled into the soul of a nation without it taking effect."

Co-Operation in Industry.

Turning from the negative to the positive point of view, Sir Alfred urged that there should be created a machine which would bring about the absolutely essential co-operation between all employed in industry. He was convinced that the time had come when legislative measures would have to be adopted on lines which had been tried and had succeeded to a considerable extent in our Dominions, by which labour disputes would have to become subjects for arbitration, the award being accepted by both parties. He would like to see started a League of Peace, not only of employers and workers, who were the protagonists,

(*Continued on next column*).

but for the British nation, insisting on industrial peace by arbitration, by the creation of profit-sharing schemes, and by better relations of a human character. Personal contact in industry must be recreated, and the hateful words "class war," more pernicious than any others ever uttered in a civilised community, must be struck out.

Optimistic, In Spite of Labour Ignorance.

Some people were very gloomy about the future of this country. He was not. He still believed in the ascending star of British commerce and industry. Far from being finished, this country had not yet begun. Nor was he terrified about the size of the population. We might perhaps do with a little less at the present time—(laughter)—but he believed, in a few years time, we would want all we had got. It was essential, however, that we must sweep away all harassments and hindrances and archaic methods of dealing with labour problems. Our trade unions were almost troglodyte in their attitude towards labour questions. Instead of coming into the light of the new industry they hampered the development of modern ideas and inventions because they were obsessed with the economic doctrines of the 18th century.

A SAUCY CHINESE YOUTH.

CALLED CONSTABLE "A NIGGER."

LAUGHED WHEN AT POLICE STATION.

For calling an Indian constable a —— nigger, Philip Kwong, a Chinese youth educated at the Sacred Heart School, Yaumati, was fined $10 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy.

The Indian constable said defendant was driving a car towards Queen's Road East. Witness shouted to him to stop, but defendant only slowed down and witness had to run after him. He caught up with the car near No. 7 Station when defendant said to him "You get out——fool nigger. What do you mean by stopping me like this. You can take my number and tell the Inspector." Witness replied: "I can take you to the Inspector now that you are so near to the station."

Defendant only admitted the second part of the statement attributed to him.

Inspector Grant said that at the station defendant seemed to treat the whole affair as a joke and was laughing about it.

A fine was imposed as mentioned above.

NEW CHINESE BANK.

ORGANISED BY SHANGHAI MERCHANTS.

[*Asiatic News Service.*]

SHANGHAI, March 2nd.

The Chinese Citizens' Industrial Development and Savings Bank is being organised by a group of Chinese merchants in Shanghai and is capitalized at $10,000,000. The present plan is to have one quarter of the capital subscribed and paid, amounting to $2,500,000. The shares are issued at $50 each payable in 25 monthly instalments of $2 each, bearing six per cent. interest per annum. Shares may be paid for in full at one time at a five per cent. discount.

The company has fifty promoters representing the seven provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang, Chihli, Shantung, Anhwei, Hunan and Hupeh. These promoters are to secure 500 associate promoters, each of whom will, in turn, secure ten solicitors, making a total of 5,000 solicitors. Each solicitor will be responsible for ten shares, making a total of 50,000 shares which, at $50 each, will bring in a total of $2,500,000.

As soon as this amount is subscribed and paid, the bank will begin business. The charter of the bank is to run thirty years, but it may be renewed upon expiration at the discretion of the share-holders. The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, the Continental Banking Corporation, and the Kincheng Banking Corporation have been appointed to receive payments for the shares on behalf of the new bank.

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO.

ANNUAL REPORT.

LOSS ON LAST YEAR'S WORKING.

The report of the Directors of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., which will be submitted to the shareholders at the annual meeting on Tuesday, March 29th, states:

The result of the past year's working shows a loss of	$103,048.69
To this should be added Reserve against Bad and Doubtful Debts which your Board deem necessary	180,646.70
making the Net Loss for the year....	$283,695.39
The amount brought forward from last year was	$ 52,309.50
Add transfer from Reserve to meet above loss	300,000.00
	$352,309.50
Deducting loss as above	283,695.39
leaves to be carried forward to next year the sum of	$68,614.11

Directors.

In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. Mr. Allen Cameron retire by rotation, and offer themselves for re-election. Mr. W. H. Bell was invited to join the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., and this appointment requires confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard has been appointed Chairman for the year 1927.

Auditors.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., which will be presented to the shareholders at the annual meeting at the Company's office on Monday, March 28th, states:—

Working Account, 1925.—This account shows a surplus of $529,101.49.

Reinsurance Fund.—It is proposed to appropriate £20,474.10.5, at exchange 1/11½=$200,101.49, out of the profits of the year 1925 to the credit of this fund. The fund will then stand at $229,042.16.7.

Dividend.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in recommending a dividend of $40 per share absorbing $320,000.

Working Account, 1926.—The balance at credit of this account is $670,786.68.

Consulting Committee.—The General Managers regret to have to record the death of Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., who has been actively interested in this Company since 1886 in the capacity of a member of the Consulting Committee.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR MARCH, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

	Sunrise.	*Sunset.*
March 19th.....	6.30 a.m.	6.34 p.m.
„ 20th.....	6.28 „	6.34 „
„ 21st.....	6.27 „	6.34 „
„ 22nd.....	6.26 „	6.35 „
„ 23rd.....	6.25 „	6.36 „
„ 24th.....	6.25 „	6.36 „
„ 25th.....	6.24 „	6.36 „
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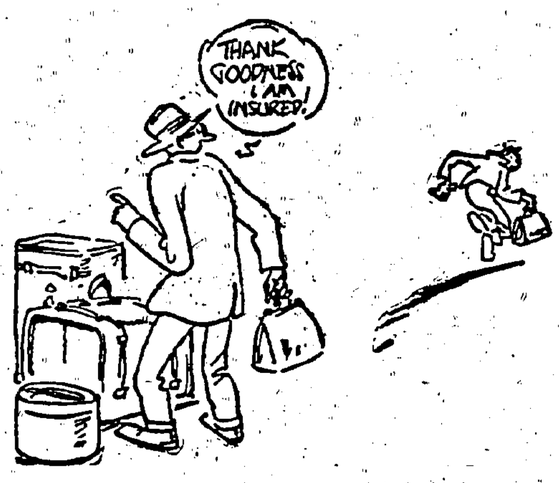
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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE.

PLANS FOR CELEBRATING THE "DAY."

COMMUNITY CONCERT WITH MASSED BANDS!

SUGGESTIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

A SUNDAY SERVICE: BALL TO BE REVIVED IN AUTUMN.

Several interesting suggestions as to the best way of celebrating St. George's Day (Saturday, April 23rd) were made at the annual meeting of the Society of St. George, Hong Kong, held last evening at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The most popular proposal, which will be considered by the new Committee, was that, in addition to the wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph and the usual exchange of telegrams with the parent Society at Home and their branches in the Far East, a Community Concert should be held, at which the troops in the Colony should be present, and that the massed bands of the different regiments should contribute to the entertainment.

A cabaret dance either on St. George's night, or the previous night, was mooted but it was decided to have a simpler form of entertainment, and to make an attempt to hold a Ball in the autumn.

Mr. W. H. Dowley (the retiring President) was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of members present.

Supporting the retiring the President were: Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and Dr. G. M. Harston (Past Presidents), the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Messrs. R. E. Lindsell, E. B. C. Hornell, P. S. Cassidy, and L. C. F. Ballamy (members of the Committee), Mr. D. B. Peat (the retiring Hon. Treasurer), Mr. R. McIntyre (the new Hon. Secretary), and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (the new President).

The Report.

The report and statement of accounts included the following:—

The cash balance in hand stands at $623.94 and $3,000 is on fixed deposit.

During the year unanimous calls have been made on the Society for assistance and grants to the sum of $861.48 have been given. On St. George's Day a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph and later a concert was held at the Theatre Royal. During the year 27 new members joined the Society.

Your Committee deeply regret to record the death of the following members since the last report:—Mr E. E. de W. Abney, Mr. D. A. G. Allison, Mr. A. A. Bolton, Mr. W. E. Clarke, Mr. W. T. Dye, Mr. R. Earnshaw, Mr. W. H. Gill, Mr. W. Hardwick, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. R. F. Mattingly, Mr. T. B. Meek, Mr. H. B. Mould, Mr. J. H. Oxberry and extend sincere sympathy of their relations.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews to whom our thanks are due.

Finance.

From the accounts, it will be seen that subscriptions and entrance fees last year amounted to $838, profit from St. George's Day concert was $554.51, and interest $219.88.

Expenditure exclusive of grants totalled $598.55 of which $335.52 was spent on telegrams.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

In submitting the Committee's report and the statement of accounts the retiring President said:—

I apologize for the delay in submitting you our Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 1926. It was due to our Honorary Secretary having an unfortunate accident on the first day of the Race Meeting and I am quite sure you will forgive this unexpected delay.

The balance brought forward was a little in excess of last year, due to better collections of entrance fees and subscriptions. If members would only help by sending in their dues direct, our fees would be much larger—it is unfair to expect our Hon. Treasurer to dun members for such small amounts. On the debit side, our grants were less, as only deserving cases of financial assistance was given—we had many calls but thanks to the Rev. Mr. Waldegrave and others we were spared a great deal of trouble and money. The cost of telegrams was a little more owing to sending out greetings on our Day at urgent rates and embodying our Parent Society's additional message to all sister Societies out in the Far East.

During the last two years we had to allow our Hon. Treasurer a little help and this cost us $40 per annum. Our membership has increased to something like 514 names. I am very sorry to state that our sporting little friend Mr. D. B. Peat cannot carry on his duties as Hon. Treasurer, which position he has filled during the last 3 years, as he is going home on leave. I ask you to accord him a hearty vote of thanks.

Our Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. E. Greensmith, has also gone home on a vacation: to him we extend our many thanks.

Co-operation of Committee.

I am pleased to say that we have been successful in filling both these vacancies and in due course you will be asked to elect the two candidates. It is very kind of these two young and new members stepping forward to assist our incoming President and Committee.

I must mention the assistance and hearty co-operation of the Committee, and I thank one and all for their cheerful help.

Our best thanks are due to one member of this Society, who should receive grateful acknowledgment publicly for his always cheerful and willing assistance, whether at charitable or social functions and, that gentleman is our esteemed friend George Grimble.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted.

The report and accounts were seconded by Dr. G. M. Harston, and were passed unanimously, without comment.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the proposition of Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., was unanimously elected the President for the ensuing year.

Mr. Alabaster: I thank you very much for electing me to this post. I would have preferred the position to have been placed in more capable hands than mine, but I will do my best to carry out the duties in the traditional manner as set forth by the Chairman. (Applause.)

On the motion of Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Society.

Mr. R. McIntyre was elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. R. Jardine the Hon. Treasurer.

The Committee.

After a ballot, the following gentlemen were elected as the Committee:—Messrs. L. F. C. Bellamy, P. S. Cassidy, E. B. C. Hornell, R. E. Lindsell, J. H. Ramsay, W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Messrs. E. Cook, W. J. Eldridge, F. A. Wells, H. B. L. Dowbiggin and T. E. Pearce.

CELEBRATING ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD.

The meeting then proceeded to consider how they should celebrate St. George's Day, April 23rd.

Capt. Dowbiggin asked if the incoming committee would consider the question of raising a fund for a celebration amongst the troops now in the Colony.

The Chairman: Among the English troops?

Capt. Dowbiggin: Not necessarily.

Mr. Lindsell: The Scottish troops will not want to celebrate St. George's Day.

Capt. Dowbiggin: Why shouldn't they?

The matter was then left to the new committee to deal with.

Mr. Alabaster pointed out that according to the agenda they had only been asked to decide how St. George's Day should be celebrated. He took it that meant whether they should have a dance, concert or some other form of entertainment. It would go without saying that they would lay a wreath on the Cenotaph, and it also went without saying that they would exchange the customary telegrams with the Mother Society in London and with branch societies. At a recent committee meeting it was suggested that the Society might have a cabaret dance. St. George's Day fell this year on a Saturday, and they would not be able to extend their rejoicings so long on this occasion.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said that as far as he could remember it was suggested that the cabaret dance might be held on the Friday night if there was any danger of breaking the Sabbath. The proposal was not to take the Theatre Royal, but to have the dance, with a certain number of musical items and dances interspersed, in the two halls (St. George's and St. Andrew's) in the City Hall.

He proposed that a function of this character be held on the day thought best.

Mr. Cassidy seconded.

Mr. Bellamy said that the cost of such a function should be much lower than running a ball. The expense was one of the main reasons that no ball was held last year.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe remarked that it was suggested that a charge of $5 per head be made. A cabaret ought to be run at a much lower cost than a ball, and there need not be so much lavishness about it.

Reviving the Ball.

Mr. T. E. Pearce suggested that they have a simpler form of entertainment on St. George's Day, and revive the ball later in the year, somewhere in the Autumn. This would be a means of returning some of the hospitality they received from the St. Andrew's Society, etc. The ball need not run to a great expense, as in the past, and in the future there should be much more support than previously from members.

This suggestion was warmly supported, and one speaker suggested that the committee should consider organising a Community Concert in the open on St. George's Day. These were being carried out at Home on a large scale, and he thought it would be a good plan to follow suit. He suggested that officers and the soldiers be invited to join in the singing on that day.

The Chairman remarked that there was the question of uncertainty in the weather.

It was hoped by another speaker, however, that the rain would have ceased by April 23rd.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe said the question of holding a ball had been before the Committee, but they came to the conclusion that members were not in a sufficiently strong financial position to support such a function. A ball could not be successful unless it was supported by every member in the Colony.

Another Suggestion.

Capt. Dowbiggin said all members were not fond of dancing, and he suggested that a one hour concert be held in the Theatre, and then an adjournment made to the City Hall for dancing for those who wanted to.

Mr. Cassidy remarked that this suggestion came before the Committee and was turned down almost unanimously. People who were keen on dancing would not attend a concert, and he did not think there was much enthusiasm in the Colony for concerts.

Mr. T. E. Pearce proposed that a simpler form of entertainment than a cabaret be arranged for St. George's Day, and that an attempt be made to revive the Ball in the autumn. He felt sure they would get more support in the future.

Community Concert.

Mr. Pearce also suggested that a community concert be held on April 23rd, and that if possible massed bands of the regiments in the Colony be obtained for the occasion. Few of them had the opportunity of hearing massed bands, and he thought it would be a good idea to to do this, if possible.

Mr. Pearce's motion was carried and the matter was left to the new Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Religious Service.

The Chairman read a letter from the Rev. H. Copley Moyle expressing his regret at non-attendance through another engagement, and suggesting that it was usual for branches of the Society to have an annual religious service. If the Society would like to have such a service on the nearest Sunday to St. George's Day he would be glad to arrange it.

The meeting decided to ask the Rev. Copley Moyle to arrange for such a service to be held on Sunday, April 24th.

It was decided that the wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph should take place on St. George's Day at 9 a.m.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard for permitting the Society to use the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., for this and other meetings.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President concluded the proceedings.

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LOST HIS REVOLVER.

EUROPEAN CONSTABLE CHARGED WITH CARELESSNESS.

FINED $150.

A charge of gross carelessness was brought against Lance-Sergeant Charles Findlay by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police yesterday at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

Defendant was stated to have lost his service revolver and its holster while on duty between 2 and 4.35 a.m. on March 16th.

Defendant entered a plea of "guilty" and suggested that he must have dropped the revolver without noticing it. He said that he reported for duty at 2 a.m. and returned to Central Station at 3.40 for coffee. He unbuckled his belt then and buckled it on again at 3.45 when he once more paraded for duty. He went out with the Nos. 7 and 8 duties at 3.55. After leaving the station, he walked up Old Bailey to Caine Road, where he discovered the loss of his revolver. He retraced his steps and made a search for the revolver. Not finding it, he reported the loss to the Inspector on duty at 4.35. All he could say was that he had the revolver when he buckled his belt on at the station.

In reply to his Worship, defendant said the only thing he could suggest was that the holster strap gave way.

The Magistrate: Do you think it possible that carrying a Service revolver like that you could have failed to notice that it had fallen off? I mean, the weight of it on your belt should have made you conscious of its presence or otherwise.

Police Routine.

Questioned by the Magistrate as to the routine followed when going on duty, Mr. Wolfe said Europeans went on duty at different times from Indians and Chinese. The defendant's period of duty was six hours from 2 to 8 a.m. He was entitled to 15 minutes rest at the station, and after his coffee it was his duty to take out the Indians and Chinese of Nos. 7 and 8 duties. This was found necessary as a matter of discipline because when the Indians and Chinese used to go out alone before they did so in a slovenly manner.

Mr. Wolfe added that in a statement to him defendant had said he placed the revolver in the holster which was in order, and the belt strap was also in order, so that it seemed curious that it should have suddenly snapped. The defendant had his overcoat over the belt and revolver, and the contention was that the revolver slipped out in between.

At the Magistrate's request defendant's record was read as follows:—

Lance-Sergeant Charles Findlay arrived in Hong Kong on October 3rd, 1924 (so that he has done some 2½ years' service). He holds one certificate for Cantonese, and was once reported for being absent from station duty and fined $4. This was on January 28th, 1927.

Gross Carelessness.

Addressing the defendant the Magistrate said that it was clear that if he did lose the revolver in the way he suggested, he was guilty of gross carelessness. The revolver weighed at least two pounds and it was almost incredible that it would have dropped unnoticed. A fine of $150 or 6 weeks' jail was imposed.

Mr. Wolfe applied that an order be made for $40 of the fine be credited to the Police Arms Vote.

Magistrate: I don't think I have the power to do that. You will have to apply to the Government.

E.A.S.M.A. GENERAL MEETING.

RE-CONSIDERATION OF SERVICE MEMBERSHIP.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of members of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association held yesterday evening at the Club Rooms, No. 17, Queen's Road, Lieut.-Col. Hayley Bell, D.S.O., Commissioner of Customs, Kowloon, was unanimously elected president in succession to Mr. T. T. Laurenson, D.S.C., who has resigned owing to his impending departure on Home leave.

Mr. H. J. Pearce, M.C., Vice-President of the Association, occupied the chair and he was supported by most of the committee. There was a good attendance and some important decisions were made.

The Chairman paid a tribute to the retiring President, who was present at the meeting, and said it was quite unnecessary for him to dwell upon the work Mr. Laurenson had done for the Association, as the members were already aware of it. On behalf of the Committee and members he wished Mr. Laurenson a very pleasant holiday and hoped to see him again in the Club on his return. (Applause.)

Mr. R. P. Shaw associated himself with what the Chairman had just said and assured Mr. Laurenson that his efforts were very much appreciated. (Applause.)

Mr. Laurenson suitably replied and informed the members that Colonel Hayley Bell had been President of the Shanghai Association for many years.

Service Membership.

The procedure with regard to the admission of men now serving with H.M. Forces was considered. Hitherto Service men, eligible for membership, could be proposed and seconded by members of the Services, who were members of the Association. At this meeting, the rule was widened giving the right of proposing and seconding Service men as members of the Committee.

Visiting Members.

A change was also made with regard to visiting members. Yesterday's meeting voted that they should not have to pay either entrance fee or yearly subscription, but only at the rate of one dollar a month during the period in which they use the Club.

Easma Beach.

The advisability of running the Easma Bathing Beach during the coming Summer was also discussed. The maintenance of the Beach for the past ten years had been a drain on the resources of the Association but a resolution was passed, "that the Beach be continued and that the Committee be empowered to arrange a scheme to make the Beach self-supporting as far as possible."

HEALTH OF EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of eastern ports for the week ending March 18th states:—

Plague.

2 cases at Bombay.
3 cases at Colombo.

Cholera.

4 cases at Calcutta.
1 case at Rangoon.
19 cases at Bangkok.

Small-pox.

52 cases at Bombay.
288 cases at Calcutta.
30 cases at Rangoon.
3 cases at Tuticorin.
6 cases at Bangkok.
1 case at Saigon.
2 cases at Vladivostock.

CANTON REPORTS.

SWATOW CUSTOMS SURTAXES.

WORKERS INTERFERE WITH THE COLLECTION.

THE RICE DISPUTE AND THE RESULT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Canton Provincial Administrative Council, in accordance with a resolution passed at a recent meeting, has issued an order that no direct action shall be taken against foreigners or foreign property. The Kuomintang Political Bureau attached to the Army has recommended the destruction of all tablets, statues and other emblems of imperialism. Many Chinese, however, hold the view that although imperialism is denounced it is unnecessary to damage things which represent not only the glory of old Imperial days but also ancient Chinese workmanship. There is still apparently some appreciation of the patience and skill displayed formerly by Chinese craftsmen.

Reports have reached Canton that workers in Swatow are interferring with the collection of the Customs surtaxes. A report was also issued on March 17th that the Cantonese troops had already occupied Soochow, on the Shanghai-Nanking railway.

Workers of the Kwangtung Electricity Supply Company are making demands for higher wages and are talking of a strike unless their demands are satisfied.

The people of Canton are beginning to realise, at any rate as far as rice is concerned, that it is they who ultimately have to pay the extra money demanded by the workers. When the Pok Tsoi Stevedores' Union demanded more wages for loading and unloading rice and the merchants found their supplies of rice were being held up, the price of the stocks still in hand was raised. As a consequence the workers, including the families of those demanding a wages increase, are paying more for their food. The Union is asking for a commission of one cent for each bag of rice handled by the Union.

The practice of forcing workers to join a Union in order that professional labour leaders may exact membership dues is now being extended to Shuntak, the principal silk centre of the Canton market. The girls working in the silk filatures of Shuntak are being forced to join a Union headed by two young women and a group of men. These men, it is said, do not appear to have much knowledge of the silk business, but they have the sanction of their Kuomintang comrades in Canton to conduct the membership campaign.

Kuomintang authorities have been instructed by the Kuomintang Ministry of Communications to advise the shipping interests in Canton that after three months from March 1st no registration of vessels made with Peking will be recognised in territory under Kuomintang jurisdiction.

The famous White Cloud Mountain just north of Canton City is to be reafforested, and an initial grant of $30,000 has been made by the Canton Municipality.

The third session of the Canton School for the Training of Labour Propagandists will open in April. Some 200 candidates have applied for admission.

March 18th, yesterday, the anniversary of the "Paris Revolution" as Canton agitators call it, several unions held a small demonstration in the meeting room of the Kwangtung Chung Kung Hui.

The Canton Commissioner of Finance is presenting a measure in the Administrative Council for the preservation of all Chinese public buildings and all buildings and works of artistic or historical interest.

CIGARETTE TAXES.

KUOMINTANG POLICY.

ARRANGEMENT WITH THE B.A.T.

[*Asiatic News Service.*]

SHANGHAI, March 6th.

Hankow despatches state that for the purpose of raising funds as well as to facilitate business, the Kuomintang authorities at Hankow have withdrawn the special taxes on the cigarettes of the British American Tobacco Corporation under condition that the company will pay ten per cent. special tax additionally in a lump sum at fixed periods every year. It is believed that the same methods will be adopted by the financial officials of the Kuomintang Government in Kiangsi, Hunan and other territories under Kuomintang control because such methods remove serious obstacles in the way of the native cigarette sellers and thus directly and indirectly improve the business situation in the central Yangtsze ports.

[*Asiatic News Service.*]

TIENTSIN, March 9th.

The Financial Department of the Chihli Provincial Government reports that Mr. Christian, manager for North China of the British-American Tobacco Corporation, has petitioned the special cigarette tax bureau at Tientsin suggesting that, for mutual benefit and convenience, the B.A.T. Company is willing to pay ten per cent. consumption tax on its cigarettes provided the Chinese authorities cancel the special cigarette tax. The imposition of the latter is certainly a nuisance to the Chinese cigarette sellers whose business has been seriously affected since the enforcement of the special tax in the metropolitan province. The financial department has referred Mr. Christian's proposals to the head office of the tobacco and wine taxes for consideration and reply.

THE NATIONALISTS AND U.S.A.

MR. EUGENE CHEN'S CABLE TO MR. PORTER.

WUHAN AND PEKING.

Mr. Eugene Chen, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has discussed with American newspaper representatives in Hankow, the publicity given to his cable to Mr. Stephen S. Porter, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in the Unied States Congress.

The telegram from Mr. Chen strongly approved Mr. Porter's resolution urging the United States to adopt a new policy, independent of other Powers, towards China.

According to a message to the *Canton Gazette*, Mr. Chen expressed the hope that the United States would not commit the error of the British method of procedure, by conducting negotiations simultaneously with Wuhan and Peking. For the United States, he said, to attempt to negotiate simultaneously with the militaristic, incompetent and unrepresentative Shadow Government of Peking, would seriously offend Nationalist sympathizers.

He stated that if the Porter resolution contemplated recognition of the Nationalist Government it would be considered as a friendly move. If the United States planned dual negotiations, the Nationalist Government would see in the move an attempt to split China.

PROPERTY SALE.

GODOWNS AT KU LANE.

GOOD PRICE REALISED.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa sold, by order of the leasehold owners, godowns situated at Nos. 8 and 10, Ku Lane.

The annual Crown rent in respect of this property is $97.50, and the term of the lease is for 924 years.

The upset price was $40,000, with bids of $500 acceptable. From $40,500, the price mounted in one bid to $50,000, and from this point there were bids of $500 until $73,000 was reached. There was then a jump to $78,000, and the price then mounted by $500 bids to $80,000, for which figure Messrs. Hang Hong became the purchasers.

NORTH AND SOUTH.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

GENERAL CHANG TSUNG CHANG'S STATEMENT.

THE SPLIT IN THE KUOMINTANG.

In view of the cabled information from various quarters that disagreement between the leaders of the Kuomintang is likely to create a definite split in the Party, the following mail advices from the *Asiatic News Service* are of particular interest.

SHANGHAI.

Changsha and Hankow despatches indicate that in order to show their close connections with Mr. Hsu Chien, Minister of Justice in the Nationalist Government, and other prominent Communists, placards of various sorts issued in the name of General Tang Sheng Chi and leaders of the Kuomintang and Labour Unions have been posted in the streets of Changsha, Changteh and other big cities. In addition to the usual slogans, the following new ones have been used:—

"Kill all opponents of the Chinese Communists."

"We must obey the orders of the Third Internationale."

"We must foster the principles of the Third Internationale in China."

"Young men come under the flag of Communism."

"China and Communism are one."

"China can only be saved by the adoption of Communism."

"Labourers and farmers throughout China arise and oppose capitalism and Christianity."

As all authority and power are in the hands of the Chinese Communist leaders and General Tang Sheng Chi is reported to be openly supporting the activities of the Labour Unions, the local magistrates and police are helpless.

In this connection, telegrams from Kiangsi indicate that General Chiang Kai Shek and his supporters, who are reported to be conducting secret negotiations with the Northern leaders about the conclusion of a truce, are highly indignant over the activities of the Communists and it is feared a break may occur between the moderates and the radicals of the Kuomintang shortly.

Another report says that General Chiang will be forced to resign if he fails to check the Communists.

(*Asiatic News Service.*)

NANKING, March 5th.

Regarding the peace negotiations, General Chang Tsung Chang declared this morning to the native Pressmen that the report is true, but in view of the fundamental difference of their policies and aims, it is doubtful whether domestic peace, or even a temporary truce, can be realized by the negotiators.

In the opinion of General Chang, the Northerners must make every effort to secure victory over the Southerners on the battlefield, otherwise Red influence will spread into every province. General Chang prohibits all his army officers and non-commissioned officers from reading Chinese newspapers, especially Kuomintang journals and those papers with pro-Kuomintang tendencies.

In conclusion, General Chang declared his confidence in the final victory of the combined Shantung-Chihli-Fengtien armies against the Southerners and he solicited the co-operation of the native Press to counteract Bolshevik influence.

(*Asiatic News Service.*)

PEKING, March 8th.

The *Shuntien Shihpao* reports that for the purpose of bringing about a truce between North and South, orders have been issued by General Chiang Kai Shek for the effective restriction of the activities of Mr. Hsu Chien and other Chinese Communistic leaders at Hankow and Changsha. Consequently, informal parleys for a compromise are now being conducted secretly by Southern and Northern delegates.

"LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM."

PICKET SUCCUMBS TO CHARMS OF BOAT-WOMAN.

THEN BLAMES HER IN OPEN COURT.

While acting as a picket in Canton, a young Chinese had occasion to recover a boat for an old boatman. Thanks, of course, were profusely offered to the gallant young helper and the wife of the old boatman, finding the young man good to look at, began to flirt with him.

The Chinese Lothario, who is 24, was so much flattered by the attention of this dame of 36 summers, that he succumbed to her charms. She, apparently had little use for a jealous old husband and suggested an elopement to Hong Kong.

They came here, and while congratulating themselves on the smooth course of true love, they had the ill-luck to be spotted by the deserted husband.

The sequel was heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, when the couple were charged with adultery.

The Magistrate told the young man that he failed to see how this elderly woman could have attracted him, at which the lady, not unnaturally, pouted angrily. The young man, hoping to save his own skin, followed an ancient precedent and discarding all gallantry told the Magistrate that "the woman tempted me."

Her reply was an angry; "Yes, I started the liaison, and what about it?" The Magistrate, to prevent the one time lovers from disturbing the serenity of his Court, ordered them to pay a fine of $250, or be confined for three months in Victoria Gaol.

SUMMARY COURT.

ALLEGED SPLIT CLAIM WITHDRAWN.

The five claims, totalling over $3,000, against the same parties on promissory notes, which were alleged at the Summary Court last week to be "split" claims,—*i.e.*, one claim split into smaller amounts in order to bring it within the jurisdiction of the Court, which has a limit of $1,000—were again mentioned at the Summary Court yesterday before the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. P. Jacks).

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the plaintiff, and Mr. D. L. Strellet was for the defendant.

His Lordship said that he had received a letter from Messrs. Lee and Russ stating that the claims had been withdrawn.

Mr. Strellet said that he had not been notified of their withdrawal. The cases had been, he said, adjourned from last Friday, and he appeared on that adjournment. If the cases had been withdrawn, he would ask for costs on each of the cases.

Mr. Russ said that he could say nothing. Had his client been willing to do so, he would have fought the cases.

His Lordship replied that he thought Mr. Strellett was entitled to costs up to date.

Mr. Russ agreed and His Lordship accordingly made an order for costs in favour of Mr. Strellett.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

TWO PORTUGUESE PLATOONS FORMED.

STRENGTH INCREASING DAILY.

A separate Company with two platoons, known as the "Guards" and "Bantams" have been formed in connection with the Portuguese members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hitherto the Portugese volunteers were included in the No. 4 Platoon in which there are several Indians and Chinese but owing to the keen interests shown by the local Portuguese Community, two separate platoons have been formed with a total strength of about 70.

The Indians and Chinese, numbering 30 men, form the No. 3 platoon.

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The Portuguese unit is being daily increased and there is every possibility of the Company being brought up to 200 strong. All its members are as keen as mustard and it is hoped that after a time some of the men will be ready to qualify as officers.

THE LATE MR. W. KNIGHT

DEATH ENQUIRY HELD YESTERDAY.

JURY VERDICT OF TEMPORARY INSANITY.

An enquiry was held yesterday into the death of Mr. William Knight, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, sitting as Coroner, assisted by a jury, at the Central Magistracy.

It will be recalled that the late Mr. William Knight, Acting Senior Revenue Officer, was found shot on the afternoon of March 10th, at the Craigengower Cricket Club.

Evidence went to show that the deceased, since his return from war service, had undergone a great change. Prior to that he was a most conscientious officer and was a teetotaler, but since his return, he had been drinking rather excessively and his superior officers had to caution him on several occasions. Deceased had also been in the hospital owing to the effects of alcohol.

On March 5th, the deceased was served with a complaint from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, and he was given time to refute it. He telephoned to his brother, Mr. P. E. Knight, and consulted him on the matter. He was advised by his brother to obtain legal advice, which he did, and on March 8th, he appeared to be in a much brighter mood, and told his brother that if he were dismissed, he would go to South Africa.

Chief Preventive Officer Clarke, in the course of his evidence, said that there had been gossip that he and the Superintendent had been harassing the deceased. He said that he would like to emphatically deny this. He and the other senior officers had been assisting the deceased all they could.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that he had often found the deceased in a dazed condition. There had been a great change in him since he returned from war service.

Addressing the jury, the Coroner said that there was no doubt that deceased had met his death by his own act, but whether the act was committed while he was temporarily insane, or not, was for the jury to decide.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict that the deceased shot himself while temporarily insane.

THE NEW PUISNE JUDGE.

SOLICITORS CONGRATULATE MR. P. JACK.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION.

At the Summary Court yesterday morning, prior to the commencement of the business, pleasure at seeing Mr. P. Jacks, on the Bench, as acting Puisne Judge, was expressed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who spoke on behalf of the legal profession of the Colony.

Mr. Jacks, as previously stated, has been appointed acting Puisne Judge in place of Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, who is leaving the Colony to take up a position of Legal Adviser to the High Commissioner at Iraq.

Mr. Russ said he spoke as the senior member, as far as years were concerned at the request of members of the legal profession, who wished to express the great appreciation they felt at seeing Mr. Jacks on the Bench. He could rest assured he would receive the hearty co-operation of all members who appeared before him.

His Lordship expressed his thanks to Mr. Russ and remarked that he was no stranger as he had known most of the members since he had been in the Colony, and their relations had always been happy ones and he hoped this would continue while he had the honour of presiding over the Summary Court.

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The Section of SAN SHAN ROAD between PAK TAI STREET and PAU CHUNG STREET.

(Sd.) E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1927. [4703

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from 21ST MARCH to 8TH APRIL, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Colonial Secretaries.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1927. [4702

DENISON, RAM & GIBBS.

MR. E. A. RAM Retires from This Firm on 31ST MARCH, 1927, and will have No Interest Nor Responsibility in Any Work done by the Firm After That Date. The Business will be carried on under the Name of DENISON, RAM & GIBBS by Messrs. L. GIBBS and E. F. E. SAMPLE.

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NOTICE.

THE Directors of the INTERNATIONAL RACE & RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LTD., Request the pleasure of the Presence of the Public at the INAUGURAL RACE MEETING of their Club on SATURDAY, 19TH, and SUNDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1927, at MACAO.

S. W. CHENG,
4704] Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE & RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LTD.

THE SWEEP-TICKETS issued by this Club sold at $2 Each for the "TRIAL STAKE RACE" state that the Date for the Race is the 6TH FEBRUARY, 1927. On that Date the General Committee of the Club decided, in view of the unfavourable weather conditions then prevailing to Postpone the Race Meeting, and NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Date for the aforesaid Race is the 20TH MARCH, 1927, and that the Cash Sweep Tickets of the Race mentioned will be paid on the RESULT of RACE No. 6 of the SECOND DAY of the INAUGURAL MEETING, Despite the Statement on Each Ticket that the Date of the Race is the 6TH FEBRUARY, 1927.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
4699] Secretary.

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THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LTD.

THE General Committee of the above Club has the pleasure to cordially invite the General Public of Hong Kong to Attend the INAUGURAL MEETING to be held on the 19TH and 20TH MARCH, 1927 (SATURDAY and SUNDAY).

The FIRST RACE on the FIRST DAY will Commence at 2 P.M., and at 12.30 on the SECOND DAY.

There will be No Charge for Admission. Entrance Ticket can be obtained on application to the CLUB'S OFFICE, 20, RUA DO CAMPO, MACAO.

S.S. "SUI AN" will Leave for MACAO at 8 A.M. on the 19TH and 20TH MARCH, and Return after 5 P.M. from MACAO.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
4689] Secretary.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1927 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONGKONG CLUB and and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES.

Entries will CLOSE at 12 o'CLOCK NOON on SATURDAY, the 19TH of MARCH, 1927. [4693

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL DINNER of the Association will take place on SATURDAY, the 9TH APRIL, at 8 P.M., in the Hall of QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Members desiring to Attend are Requested to Communicate with the HON. TREASURER, CHOW PING UN, ESQ., c/o ASSURANCE FRANCO-ASIATIQUE, China Building.

By Order,
QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION,
C. G. ANDERSON,
4687] Hon. Secretary.

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23RD to the 29TH MARCH, 1927 (Both Days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927. [4684

HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 1927, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31ST DECEMBER, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17TH to the 23RD MARCH, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927. [4653

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 6, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23RD MARCH, 1927, at 2.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8TH MARCH, 1927, to the 23RD MARCH, 1927 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [4645

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26TH MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18TH DAY of MARCH, to MONDAY, the 28TH DAY of MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927. [4674

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, on SATURDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17TH to the 26TH MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927. [4672

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on MONDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31ST DECEMBER, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14TH to the 28TH MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [4636

INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD., on MONDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1927, at 5.30 P.M. to pass and adopt the Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and to elect Officers, etc.

G. E. S. UPSDELL,
4686] Hon. Secretary.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 38TH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 30TH DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 11 O'CLOCK in the FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 22ND MARCH, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 30TH MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927. [4691

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MARRIAGE.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MARCH 19TH, 1927.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHINESE CHARACTER.

CONSIDERING the importance of China to the rest of the world it is surprising that there are so few books published interpreting Chinese thought to Western people. There are scores of superficial studies made by travellers and by those who have looked at China merely as an interesting exotic type of civilisation, but the subject has rarely been treated very seriously or with true understanding. Those best qualified to write dispassionately on China have for some reason or other remained strangely silent.

There is an old Chinese saying that those who know don't speak, while those who speak don't know. That view is certainly borne out by those who thirst for an understanding of Chinese mentality without having to submit to the big ordeal of years of study of the Chinese language. China more than any other country seems to excite garrulity in the newcomer who sees vivid contrasts and striking extremes of poverty and squalor, magnificence and colour. His vision is limited or restricted and consequently concentrated on particularities and as a result his writing, though often picturesque and pleasing, is never convincingly truthful. Fluency follows pleasurable interest, confidence arises from ignorance. Owing to a fatal tendency to generalise, the writer assumes that the particular facts which come within his knowledge are typical of the whole. He looks for those incidents which will confirm a preconceived opinion and his mind is untrammelled by the conflicting evidence which inevitably arises when there is a more extensive survey. A broader acquaintance tends to destroy confidence and certainty and causes one to hesitate about being dogmatic on any aspect of things Chinese. Finally, in the last state, the student of Chinese affairs is reduced to silence because he has to admit that the problem, which at first seemed simple and amenable to analysis, is in reality extremely complex, and many sided. It is very difficult even to state the problem and naturally much more so to solve it.

It is for these reasons that we hear such diametrically opposing views on China and the Chinese. We have them described as paragons of virtue and monsters of vice and cruelty, the most ungrateful of people and also the last to forget kindness. They are said to be the laziest people as well as the most industrious, the most cultured as well as the most barbaric, frank as well as cunning and deceitful beyond all measure. So we can range up and down the scale to find that they have been depicted by some in terms of extravagant praise and by others in most abusive language. There seems to be only one feature that is common to all. Everyone agrees that the Chinese are a prolific race. Fecundity is a general characteristic. Apart from this the Chinese are a perplexing people, hard to understand and evidently not capable of explaining themselves in English writing.

To-day's weather forecast: N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, rain.

On Thursday 3 Chinese cases of small-pox and 1 Chinese case of enteric fever were reported.

Race pony owners are reminded that entries for the first extra race meeting close to-day at noon.

Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd., advertise that they have been appointed agents for Hong Kong and South China for Samuel Osborn & Co., Ltd., Sheffield.

The Hong Amateur Dramatic Club open their season at the Theatre Royal to-night at 9.15, when they will present "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," the popular London success.

The Warden and undergraduates of Morrison Hall (one of the Hong Kong University hostels) are holding a concert and dance to-night at the City Hall, beginning at eight o'clock.

Mr. J. E. Joseph and Mr. A. Strok were among the Hong Kong passengers on the *Empress of Canada* which arrived yesterday from Vancouver *vid* Shanghai.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Albert Edward Murphy, building overseer, residing at No. 13, Wongeichong Terrace, Happy Valley, to Mrs. Martha Maher, widow, advertising agent, residing at the same address.

Among the passengers leaving Hong Kong yesterday on the M.M. *General Metzinger* for Shanghai were Mr. Lo Kan of Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., Mr. F. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Clement, Mr. F. L. Spratt and Mr. T. A. Slingsby.

A fire occurred on the first floor of No. 247, Queen's Road Central, at 3.50 yesterday morning. The fire brigade was soon on the spot and by 4.30 the outbreak had been subdued. The cause of the fire is not known.

Mr. J. Andrews, of No. 8, Mody Road, Kowloon, reported to the Police on Thursday that between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. the previous night an overcoat, a rain coat, two felt hats and a cap, of the total value of $56, were stolen stolen from the hatstand in his hall.

Dulah Khan and Dulah Mohamed, two Indian watchmen employed by the Kwong Sang Hong Company were yesterday morning charged before Mr. Lindsell with fighting in Wanchai last night. They were fined $3 each and ordered to sign bonds in the sum of $50 to keep the peace for 6 months.

Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, as complainant against a rickshaw coolie who was charged with using abusive language. On the defendant's record showing seven years' without any previous offence, his Worship discharged him with a caution.

Home mail *vid* Siberia arrived by the P. & O. s.s. *Mongolia* yesterday. To-morrow the P. & O. s.s. *Devanha* is due with Home mail *vid* Suez (letters and papers, dated London, February 17th, and parcels of a week earlier). The Home mail *vid* Suez will be despatched to-day by the *Mongolia* at 10.30 a.m., and to-morrow *vid* Siberia by the *Devanha* at 9 a.m.

A burglar entered the third floor of No. 76, Percival Street, on Thursday afternoon, by forcing the verandah door. He stole jewellery worth $123. The tenant of house No. 56 in the same street was the victim of a similar robbery Thursday night when a quantity of clothing was stolen. In the pocket of a coat was a purse containing $180 in notes. The missing clothing was later found in an empty house some doors away, but the money has not been recovered.

The Chinese who was charged with buying one hundred pieces of leather from the *foki* of the Kwok Tsai Leather Co. knowing them to have been stolen, appeared on remand before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy. Defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum and the case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. M. K. K. Lo. After hearing the evidence, his Worship discharged defendant on the ground that it was not proved that he had guilty knowledge.

Re-sealing of probate of the will of the late Mr. Alfred Heywood Heycock, retired merchant, of No. 11A, Talbot Street, Southport, Lancashire, who died at that address on November 4th, 1926, has been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, solicitor, Hong Kong, the appointed attorney of Messrs. C. T. and M. S. Heycock, the executors. The deceased left net estate in England of £15,120 and in Hong Kong net estate of $8,100. Several bequests were made to relatives, and deceased also left the Southport Infirmary £500.

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AND EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

Despite the bad weather, there was quite a good attendance at St. John's Cathedral last evening, when the fourth of the organ recitals, arranged since the dedication of the newly constructed organ to help towards wiping out the debt on it, took place.

Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., the Cathedral Organist, who gave the recital, had selected a programme which was thoroughly appreciated by all music lovers present.

During an interval, a collection was taken for the Organ Fund. There is to be another recital next Friday evening the same hour, namely 5.45.

The Programme.

The programme was as under:—Intermezzo, Hollins; Andantino in D. Flat, Lemare; Lamentation, Guilmant; Tenor Solo, "But Thou didst not Leave," Handel; Allegretto in B. Minor, Guilmant; Tenor Solo: (a) "Sing Ye Praise," (b) Aria, "He Counteth all Your Sorrows, Mendelssohn; Humoreske, Dvorak; Marche Solennelle, Mailly.

SIR FRANCIS AGLEN IN HONG KONG.

GATHERING OF CUSTOMS COMMISSIONERS

DINNER GIVEN BY LT.-COL. HAYLEY BELL.

Sir Francis Aglen, who has just relinquished the position of Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, is travelling home by the P. & O. *Mongolia* which arrived at Hong Kong yesterday and leaves at noon to-day. He stayed the night on shore as the guest of Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, the Commissioner of Customs for the Kowloon Frontier District and had the opportunity of meeting again a number of the Customs Commissioners in South China who had come to the Colony to meet him and wish him farewell. Sir Francis is going Home on a year's furlough but it is not anticipated that he will return to China unless, of course, the present political situation undergoes some radical change.

Yesterday Sir Francis Aglen and Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell had luncheon with H.E. the Governor at Government House and in the evening Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell gave a dinner, in honour of his guest, at his residence in Magazine Gap at which H.E. the Governor, and H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General C. C. Luard) were present together with a number of Customs Commissioners and Hong Kong residents. Among the Customs Commissioners were Mr. F. W. Carey from Macao, Mr. R. F. C. Hedgeland from Canton, Mr. T. A. M. Castle, from Kongmoon, Mr. J. Klubein from Swatow, and Mr. H. Dawson-Grove from Samshui. Others present included Mr. W. O. Law, the Deputy-Commissioner for the Kowloon Frontier District, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. A. C. Hynes, the party numbering between twenty and thirty.

Tributes in Shanghai.

At the large farewell dinner given in honour of Sir Francis Aglen at the Shanghai Club a few days ago Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, the Chairman of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, referred to him as the keystone of the arch of trade in China.

Mr. F. W. Maze, the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, said: "Sir Francis Aglen has been, as it were, the trustee and guide of the Customs Service during a difficult period of transition, and he has invariably maintained its high traditions by the exercise of great administrative ability, and still more by the example of his lofty character. Amidst the many changes which have occurred in China during its past decade or so he has preserved what I may term the continuous identity and characteristic atmosphere of the Service; and he has furthermore, rendered valuable assistance to China outside of the limits of Customs work. Seeing the anxious and critical times through which we are now passing it must be a matter of concern to everybody connected with the trade of China that the Government and the Customs are losing the benefit of his calm judgment and ripe experience."

Sir Francis Aglen, in his reply to the tributes paid to him, dwelt particularly upon the cosmopolitan nature of the Chinese Customs service and on the stress which his distinguished predecessor, Sir Robert Hart, had laid upon its remaining cosmopolitan, as the only sure foundation upon which it could rest.

Mr. Stirling Fessenden, the Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, recalled how Sir Francis had forecast that, "with intelligence and perseverance we in China would clear up the mess we were now in."

"But," concluded the speaker amid laughter, "I observe he will not be here to help us do it."

SHANGHAI TO HAVE ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE IN SHANGHAI.

HEAD OF ENGLISH FIRM BRUTALLY TREATED.

SOUTHERN TROOPS NEARING NANKING.

VICTORIES FOR SOUTH REPORTED.

MORE NORTHERN DEFECTIONS.

The Shanghai General Labour Union announce that they will call a general strike at Shanghai, beginning from to-day and lasting "until the Nationalist Army enters Shanghai." The Union states, in the course of a *communiqué*, that the strike is "purely political."

Following upon other successes in Kiangsu, the Southern troops are now within 20 miles from Nanking, China's ancient capital on the south bank of the Yangtzekiang. It is reported that the population of that city is in a panic, evidently not so much because of the approach of the Southerners, as owing to fear of the return of the Shantung troops, who have made themselves "extremely unpopular" while in Nanking.

Further defection is reported in the North, a General and one who is stated to be both a "General and an Admiral," having gone over to the Southerners.

Another report is to hand to the effect that General Chiang Kai Shek, who is generally regarded as the Kuomintang's leading military man, has been denouncing the "Communists." He declared to be absolutely groundless the rumours that he had "some secret understanding" with the Fengtienese. But he admitted that he had had a difference of opinion with M. Borodin, which, however, was a "personal affair."

The Soviet Embassy, having again sent a Note to the Waichiaopu with reference to the *Pamiat Lenina* seizure, have evoked a spirited reply from the Fengtien military headquarters.

Two outrages are reported—one from the International Settlement of Shanghai, the other from Chungking, far up the Yangtze. The former refers to a very brutal attack on an aged man, the head of the well-known and old-established English firm of Geddes & Co. The details will be found in a telegram in another column, from which it will be seen that the incident was of a particularly disgraceful character. The other outrage—that at Chungking—refers to British naval stores being audaciously "commandeered" by coolies, to their plucky retrieving by unarmed naval sailors, accompanied in a motor-boat by the local British Consul, and to a subsequent struggle with an armed Chinese mob.

ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE.

TO BE CALLED TO-DAY IN SHANGHAI.

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[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 18th.

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SOUTHERNERS "CLOSING-IN" ON NANKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 18th.

The Southerners are closing in on Nanking. Their latest successes include the capture of Wukiang, 12 miles from Soochow, and Lishui, 25 miles south-east of Nanking.

"Within Twenty Miles."

According to the latest information from reliable foreign sources at Shanghai this evening the Nationalists are now within 20 miles from Nanking, where numerous Shantungese, wounded, are arriving.

Shantung Troops Unpopular.

Chang Tsung Chang's men have already become extremely unpopular with the Nanking inhabitants, who bitterly complain of looting and raping; and thousands of Chinese are fleeing down-river owing to their fear of further excesses in the event of the Shantungese being driven back to the city.

NANKING'S POPULATION IN A PANIC.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 18th.

After Mui Ling Kwan and Kiang Nan Chin, two important points near Nanking, had fallen into the hands of the Southerners, the fighting spread to about twenty miles off Nanking, which city is now in a panic, and all commercial activities are at a standstill.

NORTHERN TROOPS EVACUATE IMPORTANT STRATEGICAL POINT.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 18th.

The Shantung-Chihli Allied Forces have evacuated from Chengchow, an important strategical point leading to Nanking.

Heavy firing was heard near Wusih which, it is believed, will sooner or later fall to the Southerners' hands. It is reported that all the Shantung troops now stationed at Wusih have been ordered by General Chang Tsung Chang to evacuate, if the Southerners continue to press.

MORE NORTHERN DEFECTION REPORTED.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 18th.

It is reported that General Pak Pao San, together with two other of Marshal Sun"s subordinates, are surrendering to the Southerners.

A General and Admiral.

Pei Shu Cheng, Admiral of the Northern Fleet in Chihli Bay, has led his whole fleet to Shanghai in co-operation with General Chang Tsung Chang, and is reported to have tendered his resignation both as a General lately appointed by Genera' Chang Tsung Chang and as an Admiral Commanding the Fleet.

GENERAL CHIANG KAI SHEK DENOUNCES COMMUNISTS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 18th.

General Chiang Kai Shek recently delivered a long lecture at Nanchang, the capital of Kiangsi, denouncing the Communists. All rumours attacking him, he said, as having some secret understanding with the Fengtienese are absolutely groundless. He admitted that he had had some difference with the Russian adviser (Mr. Borodin), but it was a personal affair and had nothing to do with the policy laid down by the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, to co-operate with the Soviet Government.

A SHANGHAI OUTRAGE.

HEAD OF AN ENGLISH FIRM BRUTALLY TREATED.

ATTACKED BY ARMED ROBBERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 18th.

Four armed Chinese, yesterday, entered the house of an old man, named, C. E. Geddes, the head of a well-known English firm here, and locked up the Chinese servants in a cupboard. They then tied Geddes' legs and hit him on the face and head with a revolver till he signed cheques totalling Taels 8,000. They released him to-day in an exhausted condition, after the cheques had been cashed.

The crime is symptomatic of the growing lawlessness, partly as the result of the success of terrorism and partly because the foreign police, since the Mixed Court rendition, do not possess their former power to eject the swarms of criminals now infesting the Settlement.

AN OUTRAGE AT CHUNGKING.

NAVAL STORES STOLEN BY COOLIES.

BRITISH CONSUL AND SAILORS ATTACKED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, March 18th.

As an example of the kind of thing with which British naval men are having to contend with up-river is furnished by an incident at Chungking on the 17th instant, when coolies, belonging to the so-called "Avenging Society" seized naval stores which were being conveyed from a gunboat to the shore canteen, and towed them across the river to the city.

Unarmed naval men, accompanied by the British Consul, Mr. Pratt, pursued the coolies in a motor-boat. The coolies then dropped the stores, which the naval men picked up. The latter were returning to their motor-boat with the Consul when the mob attacked them with sticks and stones, forcing them to abandon the stores. The party reached their gunboat without sustaining serious injuries. Mr. Pratt has protested to the authorities.

THE "PAMIAT LENINA" AFFAIR.

A PROTEST AND A REPLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 18th.

The Soviet Embassy has sent a Note to the Waichiaopu, to the effect that the Embassy's protests regarding the *Pamiat Lenina* affair are unanswered, and that as the Soviet is now in possession of all the facts, it again protests in the strongest manner against the outrage and demands the immediate release of the vessel and the persons detained.

The Ankuochun Headquarters, in a statement, say that the "Mukden authorities learn with intense surprise that instead of apologising for the conduct of disseminating malicious propaganda in China the Soviet Embassy has had the audacity to lodge a protest with the Chinese Government in connection with the seizure of the *Pamiat Lenina* and the so-called diplomatic couriers. The presence of materials of "Red" propaganda aboard the *Pamiat Lenina* is indefensible evidence of a flagrant violation of the International Agreement solemnly entered into by the Soviet. Pending the disclosure of further details it is sufficient to point out emphatically that the responsibility of this undesirable propaganda, which led to the seizure of the steamer, rested with the Soviet Government alone."

MORE QUESTIONS REGARDING SHANGHAI BRITONS.

MR. CHURCHILL'S EMPHATIC NEGATIVE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 17th.

In the House of Commons, the question as to British subjects in Shanghai contributing to the cost of the Defence Force was again raised at question time and brought an emphatic answer from Mr. Churchill, who had stated that the patriotic offers of the British Community of Shanghai in war time regarding income tax had been dropped on account of the Constitutional issues involved.

Comdr. Kenworthy suggested that these patriots should now be asked to contribute to the cost of the Defence Force, and the Chancellor evoked Conservative cheers by replying "Certainly not. They have been suffering more than any other class of British subjects."

NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA SHARE CERTIFICATES.

SENSATIONAL ARRESTS IN BARCELONA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MADRID, March 17th.

Barcelona newspapers report the arrest of three foreigners in whose rooms were discovered a large number of share certificates of the National Bank of China, which are believed to have been stolen from a London bank.

A CHARGE OF "EXTREME GRAVITY."

EX-LIEUT.-COMDR. BROUGHT UP AT BOW STREET.

BAIL REFUSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 17th.

Bow Street Police Court was crowded at the opening of a case which the detective described as of "extreme gravity," relating to a retired Naval Lieut.-Commander, named Colin Mayers, of Barrow-in-Furness, who is charged with an offence under the Official Secrets Act, the exact nature of which was undisclosed.

The detective, speaking in a whisper, asked for a remand as considerable technical evidence had to be examined.

Mayers' counsel asked that bail be allowed, declaring that Mayers had occupied a highly responsible position.

The police opposed bail, and the Magistrate remanded Mayers in custody for a week.

According to the newspapers, Mayers was born in British Guiana and served in the Submarine Section but retired, at his own request, a few months ago to accept a position with a well-known armament firm. It is stated that the charge relates to submarines *O1* and *X1*, the latter being the largest in the world.

FRANCE FLOURISHING.

BIG INCREASES IN TAXATION YIELD.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 18th.

The yield in taxes for February exceeded 2,474,000,000 francs, showing an increase of 533,000,000 francs on the returns of February of last year and of 36,000,000 on the estimated receipts.

THE PORTUGUESE AIRMAN.

NOW IN BRAZIL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 17th.

The Portuguese airman, Beires, has arrived at Fernando Noronha.

RECORD MILE INDOOR RACE.

RAN IN NEW YORK BEFORE 10,000 EXCITED SPECTATORS.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 18th.

The slim Swedish champion, Edwin Wide, running with smooth easy strides and the thick-set American champion, Hahn, progressing with swift choppy steps, grimly contested every yard of a mile race amid the frantic excitement of 10,000 spectators at Madison Square Gardens, terminating in a victory for Hahn by four yards. His time was one-fifth of a second above the record.

THE WORLD'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

CAPABLANCA SURE TO WIN.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 18th.

The world's chess champion, M. Capablanca (of Havana), whose title was at stake, is assured of first place in the International Chess Tournament and of a prize of $2,000. The tournament is not yet finished, but Capablanca, with 12½ points, cannot be overtaken. Of 17 games he won 7, while 10 were drawn. Alekhine and Nimsowitsch are at present level for second place with 9 points.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

STILL TRYING TO PERSUADE FRANCE TO PARTICIPATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 17th.

In renewing the invitation to France to be represented in some way at the Naval Disarmament Conference, the United States Note points out that the measures contemplated will not only facilitate the work of the League of Nations' Disarmament Commission but will advance the solution of the problem. It declares that the discussions will be limited to questions of naval disarmament not yet resolved by Treaties and each Power will be free to take up the position it judges most favourable to her protection as a basis of negotiation.

FATE OF THE KIT-CAT CLUB.

RESTAURANT TO USE HAY-MARKET PREMISES FOR GOOD.

"You may take it that the Kit-Cat Club is doomed for ever so far as the original premises are concerned," said Sir Walter Gibbons to a Press representative.

Sir Walter is the landlord of the rooms in which the Kit-Cat Club were situated, and he has been granted a license for the premises on condition that the cocktail bar is abolished and that water is placed on every table.

"I propose to make certain structural alterations," said Sir Walter. "A new entrance is to be made in the Haymarket and the cocktail bar will be converted into a small dining room.

"As for the stipulation that water shall be placed on all tables, I am all in favour of it. I do not see why people should drink expensive drinks when they do not want them.

"It is not the first time the St. James's Bench have made this *stipulation in a* restaurant licence, and I think it a very wise one."

The condition that restaurant proprietors should place water on every table is not a general one. "It is not really necessary in most cases," said Mr. Adutt, of the Hotels and Restaurants Association, "because in the majority of restaurants and hotels in London, and especially in the provinces, water is either on the table or is brought at any customer's request. It is usually taken for granted that anybody who wants water can have it. It is certainly not the case that because you go to a restaurant for a meal you must drink wine or some other alcoholic beverage."

BRITISH PROPERTY HELD BY THE SOVIET.

VALUED AT £180,000,000.

NO CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL BY THE BOLSHEVIKS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 17th.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Locker-Lampson, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said that the value of trading, industrial and manufacturing properties, of which British subjects in Russia had abandoned without compensation, was estimated by claimants at approximately £180,000,000. He was unable to say what proportion of this represented liquid assets. Discussions had taken place from time to time with the Soviet Government regarding the liquidation of these claims, without satisfactory result. The British Government were awaiting a constructive proposal but, hitherto, none had been made by the Soviet Government.

[Message incomplete owing to poor reception.]

A NEW AUSTRALIAN CRUISER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 17th.

Lady Cook, the wife of the Australian High Commissioner in London, to-day launches the new Australian cruiser *Australia* at Clydebank, Scotland.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The First of Two 10,000 Ton Cruisers.

LONDON, March 17th.

The Australian cruiser *Australia*, launched at Clydebank, is the first of two 10,000-ton vessels, provided by the Australian Naval Programme. The other cruiser *Canberra* is also being constructed at Clydebank.

DUCHESS OF YORK.

GREATLY IMPROVED IN HEALTH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, March 17th.

The Duchess of York has benefited greatly by her rest at Wellington, where she will remain until Sunday when, in H.M.S. *Renown*, she will leave to proceed to Australia. The Duke, meanwhile, is proceeding with his tour of the South Island of New Zealand.

HONG KONG THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

CELEBRATION OF FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

Last Thursday the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society celebrated its fourth anniversary. The meeting was opened by Mr. John Russell, and members stood for a while in silence as a tribute to the late Brother Archibald Stephens, C.P.O., H.M.S. *Carlisle*.

The Hon. Secretary's (Mr. H. E. Lanepart) report stated that the work of the Lodge was carried on successfully. The number of active members was 98; 22 new members having joined during the year. A new Theosophical Lodge, the "Chinese T.S. Lodge," was successfully opened in Hong Kong by the Presidential Agent for China, Bro. M. Manuk, on November 9th, 1926. The work of the Hong Kong Centre of the Order of the Star in the East (an organization separate and distinct from the Theosophical Society) was successfully carried on by the Centre-Secretary, Mr. H. E. Lanepart, in absence of Bro. M. Manuk. 22 new members having joined the Order during the year.

Mr. Lanepart, who addressed the meeting, said that Universal Brotherhood is the only thing which is binding on members of the Theosophical Society. Its teachings as to Karma, Reincarnation, etc., are not binding on any member. Under the inspiration of the Coming World Teacher the T.S. is to be "the corner-stone of the future religion of humanity."

SERVICE OF WRIT.

ON SERVANT OF ALLEGED BANKRUPT FIRM.

IRREGULAR BECAUSE DELIVERED TO UNAUTHORISED EMPLOYEE.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT DELIVERED.

An important judgment in connection with the service of a writ by a petitioning creditor on a servant, or employee of an alleged debtor firm was delivered by the acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

In this case, which came before the Bankruptcy Court last Saturday, it was alleged that there had been no proper service of the petition.

When the case first came up the Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassix) referred to the law as it applied to service on servants of firms alleged to be in bankruptcy.

He claimed that the petitioning creditor had merely gone to the premises and asked for an assistant of the debtor firm, whom he served with the document in question. It must be, the Official Receiver then contended, ascertained first that the person served was in a *de facto* position of administrating the firm's affairs.

After evidence had been called last week, the case was adjourned for legal argument. This took place on Monday, and arising out of this Mr. Justice Wood delivered his judgment yesterday.

His Lordship said he was asked to set aside the service of a creditor's petition owing to irregularity. The debtor firm was the Yee On firm, the trading name of the individual being Li Fai Kam.

After quoting various sections effecting the case, His Lordship continued that the question arising for decision was whether in the circumstances shown to have occurred a valid service of this petition upon the debtor firm had been effected.

It appeared from the evidence that Li Fai Kam, trading as the Yee On firm, continued to do business at No. 37, Jervois Street, until February 17th. He then held a meeting of creditors, and after doing so left his place of business. His later movements had not been traced. No subsequent commercial transactions by the firm took place. Li Fai Kam took with him the other chops.

At the time of his departure there fittings and trade stock upon the premises worth a considerable sum of money. Seven or eight employees of the firm, including one of the witnesses, Au Chi To, remained on the premises. The firm had done business for several years and Au Chi To, had been a member of the staff for a long time. On this occasion he was the senior employee, and was given $100 to pay wages and make current disbursements, and was instructed to act as custodian of the premises and contents.

There was no business carried on from February 17th to February 25th. On February 25th, a bailiff, acting under a writ of foreign attachment, seized the property of the debtor firm. The petition was served on Au Chi To, as the person having control or management of the firm.

Concluding his judgment, His Lordship said: The onus is on the petitioner to show affirmatively that the person served had the required status. From the evidence, it appears that the authority received by Au Chi To from his employer on February 17th last was definitely limited. Immediately prior to that date he was merely a clerk in the firm. He was then directed to remain at the principal place of business of the firm as its custodian, with the staff, for the purpose of making certain cash disbursements from monies entrusted to his charge. Here his authority ended. Although he himself was not subordinate to any other members of the staff, he was not authorised to do anything which would involve his employer in any liability whatever.

The business therefore, was outside his control or management.

For these reasons, the service of the petition was, in my opinion, irregular and must be set aside.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, who appeared for the petitioning creditor, intimated that he would make application for substitute service. (This means an application for a re-opening of the case afresh).

SPORT THIS WEEK-END.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

MACAO'S RACE MEETING.

There will be plenty of attractions for lovers of sport this week-end.

Football takes an important place on the programme, and for this afternoon no less than eight matches have been arranged. One is an international match, and there is also one Senior League match and six Junior League matches. Full details will be found in the football column.

Cricket enthusiasts will find in our sports calendar an interesting list of matches.

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club has arranged to sail the Service Members' Presented Cups race for racing yachts, and there will be golf at Fanling both to-day and to-morrow.

Another big attraction although not in the Colony, will be the inaugural race meeting at Macao, and, especially if the weather is fine, a large number of Hong Kong supporters will make the trip to the Portuguese Colony and spend the week-end there. The Steamboat Company are running boats to and from Macao to-morrow leaving at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively and returning at 5 p.m. On Sunday the *Sui An* leaves at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. the return saloon fare being $5.

There will be more cricket to-morrow, of which details will be found elsewhere.

CRICKET.

WEEK-END MATCHES.

The following matches have been arranged for the week-end:—

League: Division I.

Kowloon C.C. *v.* Royal Artillery.
Craigengower *v.* Chinese R.C.
Civil Service C.C. *v.* Hong Kong C.C.

Division II.

Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Royal Navy.

Friendly Match.

Recreio *v.* Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI.

To-morrow's Matches.

League.

Indian R.C. *v.* K.O.S.B.

Friendly.

K.O.S.F.P.A. *v.* Hong Kong Electric Co., at King's Park.
Mr. Ponsonby Fane's team *v.* Combined Schools' XV.

SUNDAY CRICKET.

Among the cricket matches arranged for to-morrow (Sunday) are those between the Combined Schools XVI. and Dr. Ponsonby Fane's XI., and between the Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association and the Hong Electric R.C. The latter will be played at King's Park.

The match between the Schools and Dr. Ponsonby Fane's side is being played at the University ground, Pokfulam, and the following team will represent the combined schools:—O. Gosano, G. Gutterres (St. Joseph's College); D. J. N. Anderson, A. T. Lee, N. A. E. Mackay, R. Gerrard, A. B. Clarke, W. H. Kwan, F. R. Zimmer (Diocesan Boys' School); D. Kelly, S. MacNider, J. Lyon (Central British School), A. M. Rumjahn, A. Hunt, J. Hunt (Queen's College); J. L. Youngsaye (Capt.).

UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

In connection with the 12th annual sports meeting of the Hong Kong University Athletic Association, which is to be held on the University ground at Pokfulam on Saturday, March 26th, there are two post-entry events. One is the half-mile race, open to the Colony, which will be decided at about 4.30 p.m., and the other is the past students race, 220 yards, handicap, to be run at about 4.30.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

THE PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

INTERNATIONAL GAME AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

There will be an interesting local football programme to-day and there is sure to be a big crowd at Happy Valley, on the occasion of the match between Scotland and China for the *Sunday Herald Charity Cup*.

There are also seven League matches to be played, including one Senior game between the Police and the Club de Recreio.

All, of course, will depend on the weather and the state of the ground.

The following game are down for decision:—

"Sunday Herald" Charity Cup Competition.

Final.

Scotland *v.* China, on the Hong Kong F.C. ground, kick-off at 4 p.m. Referee: Mr. Dawes; Linesmen: Messrs. Baldwin and Gilbert.

Hong Kong League: Division I.

Hong Kong Police *v.* Club de Recreio, Kowloon F.C. ground, at 4.30 p.m. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.M., M.C.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 3 p.m.

China Athletic "B" *v.* Kowloon Reserves, Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Cowan.

China Athletic "A" *v.* University, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Lamb.

St. Joseph's *v.* R.A. Reserves, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Gilmour.

K.O.S.B.'s Reserves *v.* South China Reserves, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Lonsdale.

Division II. "B."

Moslem Club *v.* St. Joseph's Reserves, Kowloon F.C. ground, at 3 p.m. Referee: Mr. Phillips.

Boy Scouts *v.* South China, South China, at 4.30 p.m. Referee: Mr. Samy.

Kowloon "B" having withdrawn from the League, the points for outstanding games are conceded.

Prior to the Charity game on the H.K.F.C. ground, the two bands of the K.O.S.B.'s, by kind permission, will play selections on the ground. The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., will kick-off at 4 p.m. Mrs. R. M. Dyer (the wife of the President, H.K.F.A.), will present the *Sunday Herald* Charity Cup to the winners at the close of the game. Scotland will be all out to win, the pipers giving them a good lead. They are fielding a very strong side which includes both Navy and Army players. China will have out a strong combination and will probably do better on the greasy pitch. A good game is expected should the rain keep off.

Hong Kong Police meet the League leaders at Kowloon on the Railway ground. They must play better than they did against the K.O.S.B.'s last week if they wish to have a look in against the Recreio nippy forwards. The Police always put up a good show on the Kowloon F.C. ground and as the Recreio are not playing up to form, the Police may spring a surprise on the leaders. A win for the Police would place them very favourably for the runners-up position.

In the "A" Division, the leaders have a very easy game with South China and should win.

The remaining three games will be watched with interest as in all three games one of the teams are favourably placed for the second position in the division. The R.A. have the advantage of a point over China "A," while Kowloon why still be considered as in the running for honours. These three teams have a good chance to win to-day.

The re-play for the Division "B" championship, between the Moslem Club and St. Joseph's Reserves, will be played on the Kowloon F.C. ground.

Each team has been defeated by the other so the result is very open.

The Moslem Club have been playing a lot in practice games and with the College fielding a strong side, a very good tussle should be seen on the Railway ground.

(Continued on next column).

HOME FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

COMPLETE FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

There will be a full football League programme at Home to-day, and the following are the various teams engaged in the English League and the First Division of the Scottish League:—

English League: Division I.

Arsenal *v.* Everton.
Aston Villa *v.* Birmingham.
Bolton W. *v.* Tottenham H.
Burnley *v.* W. Brom. A.
Cardiff C. *v.* Bury.
Derby C. *v.* Wednesday.
Leeds U. *v.* Huddersfield T.
Liverpool *v.* Blackburn R.
Manchester U. *v.* W. Ham U.
Newcastle U. *v.* Sunderland.
Sheffield U. *v.* Leicester C.

Division II.

Bradford C. *v.* Fulham.
Chelsea *v.* Grimsby T.
Clapton O. *v.* Manchester C.
Hull C. *v.* Swansea T.
Middlesborough *v.* Darlington.
Notts County *v.* Barnsley.
Port Vale *v.* Portsmouth.
Preston N.E. *v.* Blackpool.
Southampton *v.* Oldham A.
South Shields *v.* Reading.
Wolves *v.* Nottingham F.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford *v.* Charlton A.
Brighton and H.A. *v.* Coventry C.
Bristol R. *v.* B'mouth and B.A.
Exeter C. *v.* Newport C.
Luton T. *v.* Watford.
Merthyr T. *v.* Aberdare A.
Millwall *v.* Bristol C.
Northampton *v.* Queen's Park R.
Norwich C. *v.* Crystal Pal.
Southend U. *v.* Gillingham.
Swindon T. *v.* Plymouth A.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington S. *v.* Ashington.
Barrow *v.* Walsall.
Crewe A. *v.* Bradford.
Durham C. *v.* New Brighton.
Halifax T. *v.* Nelson.
Hartlepools U. *v.* Rotherham U.
Lincoln C. *v.* Chesterfield.
Southport *v.* Doncaster R.
Stockport C. *v.* Stoke C.
Rochdale *v.* Wigan B.
Tranmere R. *v.* Wrexham.

Scottish League: Division I.

Celtic *v.* Airdrieonians.
Cowdenbeath *v.* Rangers.
Dundee U. *v.* St. Johnstone.
Falkirk *v.* Kilmarnock.
Hibernians *v.* Dundee.
Morton *v.* Hamilton A.
Motherwell *v.* Dunfermline A.
Partick T. *v.* Aberdeen.
Queen's Park *v.* Clyde.
St. Mirren *v.* Hearts

The other fixture in the "B" Division is between the Boy Scouts and South China on the latter's ground. It is expected that the Scouts will win their last game of the season.

A New League.

A new League is to be started by the military authorities shortly to be called the Command League. The teams will be regimental and will include the Shanghai Defence Force. The matches are to be played on the Sookunpoo and Kowloon Football Club grounds, and some interesting games should be seen.

Hong Kong League Table To Date.

Division I.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. F.	A.	P.
Recreio	11	8	1	2	33	15	18
Club de Kowloon	13	6	5	2	23	14	14
Police	12	6	4	2	11	12	14
China Athletic	12	5	3	4	18	22	14
K.O.S.B.'s	13	6	6	1	20	19	13
R.A.	13	5	6	2	18	19	12
H.K.F.C.	11	5	5	1	43	15	11
South China	13	2	11	0	6	26	4

Division II. "A."

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. F.	A.	P.
K.O.S.B.'s	15	14	0	1	53	12	29
R.A.	14	9	4	1	25	13	19
China Athletic "A"	14	8	4	2	31	21	18
Kowloon	13	6	4	3	25	14	15
St. Joseph's	14	6	6	2	31	19	14
Club de Recreio	15	5	6	4	27	28	14
H.K.F.C.	13	5	6	2	18	22	12
University	13	5	8	0	19	19	10
South China	13	3	10	0	8	38	6
China Athletic "B"	15	0	14	1	8	58	1

Division II. "B."

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals. F.	A.	P.
Moslem Club	14	12	2	0	36	9	24
St. Joseph's	14	11	1	2	47	15	24
China Athletic "A"	14	7	5	2	17	15	16
Boy Scouts	13	6	6	1	20	30	13
H.K. & S. Bank	14	5	8	1	17	31	11
China Athletic "B"	14	5	9	0	19	24	10
South China	13	3	10	0	16	33	6
Kowloon "B"	14	2	11	1	16	31	5

MATCH CANCELLED.

The friendly football match arranged for last evening between the Hong Kong Football Club and the Royal Navy was cancelled on account of the weather.

GOLF.

FANLING.

TO-MORROW'S STARTING TIMES.

To-morrow's starting times at Fanling are as under:—

9.28 a.m. C. L. Cookes and D. Templeton.
9.32 ,, R. A. Green and R. MacGregor.
9.36 ,, J. W. Franks and P. P. J. Wodehouse.
9.40 ,, A. D. Humphreys and J. H. Hearn.
9.44 ,, T. C. Monaghan and E. Stone.
9.48 ,, G. P. Lammert and F. M. Ellis.
9.52 ,, A. W. Roberts and A. Boles.
9.56 ,, J. S. McLaren and N. K. Littlejohn.
10.00 ,, J. Coulthart and G. W. Sellars.
10.04 ,, H. G. Hegarty and J. D. H. Crawford.
10.08 ,, W. J. Clerk and J. W. Robertson.
10.12 ,, G. E. Ellams and J. H. Wallace.
10.16 ,, E. J. Mahon and W. C. Murray.
10.20 ,, D. Forbes and H. R. Cleland.
10.24 ,, F. Cowherd and L. E. Nantz.
10.28 ,, T. Ramsay and C. D. Lambert.
10.32 ,, I. H. Geare and L. R. Andrewes.
10.36 ,, R. K. Hepburn and A. C. I. Bowker.
10.40 ,, C. C. Stark and T. D. E. Pendered.
10.44 ,, H. R. Sturt and J. Dreyard.
10.48 ,, A. Leach and F. Taylor.
10.52 ,, Lt. W. D. Brown and A. Somerfelt.
10.56 ,, C. Thwaites and F. Austin.
11.00 ,, C. B. Brown and S. T. Butlin.
11.04 ,, G. E. Towns and T. Low.
11.08 ,, V. W. Grayburn and K. E. Greig.
11.12 ,, D. S. Edward and C. J. Waddell.
11.16 ,, F. B. Jones and D. J. Gilmore.
11.20 ,, A. W. H. Edie and H. M. Muir.
11.24 ,, L. G. S. Dodwell and W. L. Dunbar.
11.28 ,, H. A. Lammert and E. P. Fletcher.
11.32 ,, A. W. Hodges and D. M. Goodall.
11.36 ,, R. L. Moncrieff and H. U. Ireland.
11.40 ,, E. D. Black and W. Ironside.
11.44 ,, G. Murray and Comdr. Aubrey.
11.48 ,, V. Cox and J. P. Sherry.
11.52 ,, R. W. Lee and L. C. M. Smith.
11.56 ,, C. H. Eldridge and H. Spicer.
12.00 p.m. Capt. Morris and D. G. Bruce.
12.04 ,, R. P. Moodie and C. Mackay.
12.08 ,, N. H. Procter and J. H. R. Hance.
12.12 ,, T. L. Christie and A. O. Brawn.

ANNUAL MATCH.

As previously mentioned, the annual golf match between the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (Wayfoong) and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (Taikoo) is to be played to-morrow on the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's course at Fanling.

Hole In One.

Playing the 12th hole, on the old course at Fanling in a mixed foursome on Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Lambert, the present lady Champion of the Colony, played a perfect iron shot from the tee and holed out in one.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE DAVIS CUP DRAW.

SET-AGOING BY PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 17th.

President Coolidge officiated at the Davis Cup draw at the White House.

In the first round in the American zone Japan will meet Mexico while Cuba meets Canada.

In the European zone, first round, the draw is:—

Spain *v.* India, Sweden *v.* Britain, Denmark *v.* Holland, Switzerland *v.* Austria, and Ireland *v.* South Africa.

Second round:—Czecho-Slovakia *v.* Greece, Belgium *v.* Poland, Portugal *v.* Germany, Hungary *v.* Italy, and France *v.* Rumania.

Jugo-Slavia will play the winner of the Spain-India match. All the games will be played in the countries of the first-named nations, unless by special arrangement.

France and Germany may Meet.

LATER.

The probability that France and Germany will meet in the semi-finals in the European zone is one of the interesting results of the Davis Cup draw. Both appear in the same half of the draw. Germany is considered to have a good chance of surviving the early rounds

YACHTING NOTES.

REVIEW OF CLUB ACTIVITIES.

LAST WEEK'S CRUISER RACE.

[BY "CHAU KUNG."]

Tides for the week-end are for height and time as follows:—

	High.	Time.	Low.
Sat.	5.2	10.20	
		15.59	2.4
	6.4	22.23	
Sun.	5.4	10.36	
		16.33	2.3
	6.0	22.49	

It has been found necessary to alter the date for the Club versus Ladies' event to Sunday, March 27th, when the contest will be between teams of 4 boats.

All members are hoping for good "full-sail" breeze for the Service Members Cup. Last Saturday resulted in no race due to lack of a breeze and the previous Sunday provided so much wind as to cause the postponement of the event against the Ladies so all hope for the happy mean. The course will be given at the Club and the race will be sailed under scaled handicaps.

The cruisers got off the 1st Championship event at the third time of asking on Sunday last over the course of Hong Kong Island (S.). The course was altered to Starboard to fit in better with the tides and it was as well that this was done for the wind on the South of the Island was particularly light and variable till well on to dusk when it filled to a good whole sail breeze.

La Cigale won a good race from *Coquette* by just over 17 minutes on corrected time. These two with *U. and I* were close together as far as Collinson point but here *U and I* was held up by a calm patch for a full hour and saw the other two sail out of sight round Cape D'Aguilar. *Brenda* and *Norseman* seing her becalmed tacked to the North'ard and held a good breeze all the time so that when *U and I* got going *Norseman* was over a mile dead to windward and *Queen Bee* had come up to within 150 yards. With a true wind there was a delightful bit of sailing in Tathong Channel and *U and I* lead round Cape D'Aguilar by ¼ mile from *Norseman* with *Brenda* about another ½ mile astern. Off Long Ma Hok *U and I* again lost the wind and *Norseman* directing her course 200 yards outside of her carried the breeze right down the Lamma Channel sailing well over 6 miles whilst *U and I* covered a bare quarter. *Brenda* who was also held up in a most tantalising manner was overtaken by *Queen Bee* and eventually gave up and put into Repulse Bay. *Queen Bee* carried on and off the eastern entrance to Aberdeen was at one time slightly ahead of *U and I*. They had a great race back to the Club and *Queen Bee* saving her time put *U and I* into 5th place enabling *Coquette* to tie for 1st position. The tie will be sailed off at some near date.

I hear that *Typhoon* slips along very well in a moderate breeze and is fairly well balanced as to helm. There is a suggestion that the mast might, with advantage, be reduced a little in height but it is little early yet to pass judgment since like all ships she has to "find" herself.

LAWN TENNIS.

DAY OFF FOR THE PLAYERS.

The weather was even worse yesterday than on Thursday and all matches had to be put off. The H.K.C.C. tournament is now six days in arrear and it will be impossible to complete the first and second rounds before the end of the month.

The tournament will recommence on Monday, weather permitting.

BILLIARDS.

A billiards match played this week between the Royal Naval Dockyard Police and the S.B. Stewards of the Fleet, resulted in a win for the latter by the narrow margin of 19 points.

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Apr. 20	Seattle	Geo. Washington	May 18	P'mth-C'brg May 27
Apr. 26	San Francisco	Republic	May 28	P'mth-C'brg June 6
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May 10	San Francisco	Homeric	June 11	C'brg-S'hmptn June 17
May 18	Seattle	Mauretania	June 15	P'mth-C'brg June 21
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LILY LANGTRY'S ELOQUENT TRIBUTE.

"NEVER RUSH INTO PRINT."

During the recent *cause celebre* in which the moral character of W. E. Gladstone was the subject at issue one of the statements made was that Mrs. Lily Langtry had been the Liberal leader's mistress.

Lily Langtry, or Lady de Bathe, to give her name in private life, sent a telegram of indignant denial that was read in court.

Interviewed at Monte Carlo, Lily Langtry declared with indignation in reference to Captain Wright's statement: "It is an entire falsehood from beginning to end. It is a great shame and a cowardly thing to-day to attack the memory of the Grand Old Man. Captain Wright has made assertions which he is unable to corroborate or prove."

Lily Langtry refused to add anything more to her first statement.

"I consider," she said, "that it would be undignified on my part to give an interview or write an article on the subject. Furthermore, I do not wish to give any prominence whatever to a person like Captain Wright."

In taking that line it is of interest to recall that in doing so she followed the advice given to her by Gladstone himself as she reported his words in her memoirs "The Days I Knew," published by Messrs. Hutchinson.

The Passage.

"Among his (Mr. Gladstone's) many excellent admonitions, I remember, and shall always remember, this sound piece of advice. He said: 'In your professional career you will receive attacks, personal and critical, just and unjust. Bear them, never reply, and above all, never rush into print to explain or defend yourself.' And I never have."

Frequent Visits.

This advice was given during frequent visits Mr. Gladstone paid to Mrs. Langtry shortly after she entered on her stage career. She describes these visits, at which Gladstone sometimes read Shakespeare to her, in the following passage:—

"One of the most gratifying features of my debut was the concern in my new departure displayed by that gifted being, W. E. Gladstone. Although we had met casually at Millais' studio I had not known him further. But now he came often to see me, and would drop in (he was Prime Minister at the time) to find me eating my dinner before going to the theatre.

"How wonderful it seemed that this great and universally-sought-after man should give me and my work even a passing thought. But he did more. His comprehensive mind and sweet nature grasped the difficult task that lay before me, the widely different orbit in which my life would henceforth move, and he knew how adrift I felt. And out of his vast knowledge of the public he realised how much he could help me—and so the salmon advised the minnow.

Wisdom.

"Never shall I forget the wisdom of Gladstone and the uplifting effect of his visits. Sometimes he read aloud his favourite passages from Shakespeare. Then, again, he would bring me books." He was truly religious, believing, he told me, 'with the simple faith of a child.' And one could not be in his company without feeling that goodness emanated from him.

"Once during my engagement at the Haymarket I gave a Sunday party, to which I asked, among other great personages, the Prime Minister. He replied with a long, broad-minded letter excusing himself from a Sunday entertainment, but making it clear that he did not in any way censure me for giving it, as it was my only evening for recreation while it was his only evening for rest.

"Gladstone was credited with having an immense vocabulary of English and a stupendous memory. Indeed, I have heard that after reading a column of the *Times* through once he could perform the seemingly impossible feat of repeating it verbatim, and I can hardly conceive how he could otherwise have stored such a vast amount of universal knowledge in his brain."

MR. BERNARD SHAW'S LETTERS.

CLAIM FOR £20,000 DAMAGES.

Mr. Bernard Shaw has started legal proceedings in New York through his lawyers for the issue of an injunction against Mr. William Page and the latter's publisher and printer to retrain them from further publishing without permission four of the famous dramatist's letters. Mr. Shaw is also claiming $100,000 damages.

Mr. Page is an American theatrical man, and has incorporated in a book four letters which Mr. Shaw wrote to him about twenty-five years ago regarding the production of some of his plays in New York.—*Reuter.*

ARTISTS IN FORGERY SENTENCED.

THOUSANDS OF FALSE TREASURY NOTES.

JUDGE COULD NOT DETECT FLAWS.

Two of the cleverest forgers in England have been sentenced to terms of penal servitude at Manchester Assizes. They pleaded guilty to counterfeiting Treasury notes with such skill that a Government expert witness said that he had not seen more skilful forgeries in his thirty-three years' experience.

The men, who were said to be brothers, but gave their names as George Southgate, aged twenty-five, and Fred Green, aged twenty, were sentenced to seven years and three years' penal servitude respectively.

Treasury Notes.

Mr. Laske, who prosecuted, said that this was the most dangerous case of forgery that had come to the notice of the Inland Revenue Department since Treasury notes were instituted in 1914.

He explained that since the men had been arrested they had signed a statement describing their methods of manufacture and distribution of notes. He did not think it was in the public interest that the details of the statement should be made public.

There was also a diary showing that more than fifty towns, in addition to London and the whole of the suburbs, had been visited. This had been going on since 1919, but although the notes were suspected in the following year, their source could not be traced until the men were arrested.

Superintendent Musgrave, of Oldham, said that many thousand forged notes had been traced to the men's press. Many of them had passed through the Bank of England, and it had been utterly impossible to detect them.

An official of the Treasury Notes Department of the Inland Revenue stated that more than a thousand forged notes had been traced. The department considered the forgeries to be of a very dangerous type.

"I Cannot Tell."

Mr. Justice Wright asked how it was possible to distinguish between the forged and the genuine notes. "I cannot tell the difference," he added.

"An expert can detect a slight difference in the watermark," replied the Government witness, "but it would be extremely difficult for a member of the general public to find it.

"I do not want," he added, "to undermine public confidence by commenting at length on the matter, but it is the best forgery I have seen for thirty-three years."

Mr. Justice Wright, in sentencing Southgate, said that it was clear that he had remarkable ability in draughtsmanship and the use of colours.

He had used that ability to defraud the public in the most serious manner. The notes he had manufactured were such that an uninitated person could not possibly distinguish them from genuine notes. The judge ordered the cost of the prosecution to be paid out of the money found on the men.

WHY GILBERT AND SULLIVAN FELL OUT.

MR. HENRY LYTTON'S "SECRET."

It was a carpet that caused the historic split between Gilbert and Sullivan, according to the account given by Mr. Henry A. Lytton, the famous Savoy opera actor, in his book, "The Secrets of a Savoyard," published by Messrs. Jarrolds.

The carpet was bought by Mr. D'Oyly Carte for the Savoy Theatre, says Mr. Lytton, but Gilbert objected to the expenditure—£184—and complained that it would bring no return.

Both men held to their opinions on the point, and the difference grew, in spite of Sullivan's efforts to compose it. It ended in a quarrel, and Sullivan, having to take one side or the other, took D'Oyly Carte's. So, according to Mr. Lytton, ended the immortal partnership of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Unexpected Legacy.

Another story told by Mr. Lytton concerns an unexpected legacy. One day he was held up in his motor-car by a crowd of people trying to enter a tram-car. One old woman who could not get in exclaimed that she would be late for her work, and Mr. Lytton gave her the necessary lift. It was the first motor-car ride she ever had—possibly the only one—and she was so delighted that she begged to know the name of her benefactor. Mr. Lytton gave her his card.

Some time later he heard that she had died, leaving him her two rooms and her furniture.

The rooms and the furniture, adds Mr. Lytton, came just in the nick of time to help an ex-service man in search of a home.

THE DAMAGED "EMPRESS" LINER.

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"THE STORY OF THE COLLISION.

As mentioned briefly in a shipping note, elsewhere, the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived here yesterday from Shanghai, making port with her bow badly battered as a result of her collision in the Yangtsze with the s.s. *Jinsho Maru*.

The "Empress" liner reached Lyemun late on Thursday night and went into Taikoo dock early yesterday morning.

The passengers were landed and brought into Hong Kong by car, and her cargo will be discharged while repairs are carried out.

The liner's stem is twisted and her plates bent, and though she did not make water, an entire renewal of her bows in the region of the water line will probably be necessary. It is anticipated that the liner will be in dock for ten days, following which she will proceed to Manila.

It will be recalled that the collision occurred on Monday morning when the *Empress of Canada* was going up the river. The Japanese merchant vessel, the *Jinsho* was going down stream at the time heavily loaded with general cargo when the collision occurred, and it is reported that she was struck in the region of her engine room. She was badly holed, a boiler explosion followed, two firemen being scalded, and it was necessary to beach her hastily to prevent sinking.

NORTHERN PAPER'S ACCOUNT.

The following account of the collision appears in the *N.-C. Daily News* of last Tuesday, and states:—

The big Empress struck the smaller vessel with her stem, striking midships and practically bisecting the cargo boat before she could draw off, following the collision. The impact left traces of wreckage on the bow of the Empress as well, where several small holes resulted above the steamer's water line, with considerable denting and splitting of the steel plate lower down. The damage, however, to the larger ship was not great, and temporary repairs were commenced with the result that the *Canada* is expected to sail to-day at noon for Hong Kong where she will go into dry dock for more extensive repairs.

The prompt action of the Whangpoo Conservancy tugs in towing the *Jinsho Maru* into shallow water and thus clearing the fairway probably prevented more serious consequences, as, had the *Jinsho Maru* sunk in mid-river, navigation would have been seriously interfered with. As soon as the plight of the *Jinsho Maru* was noted, Captain Robinson of the *Canada* sent a boat alongside to give whatever assistance was possible, but assistance was refused at this time.

A short while later, however, another boat was put off from the *Canada* containing the ship's doctor, an officer and six of the crew to stand by the distressed ship. The *Canada* herself proceeded up to her wharf slowly and the whole incident, tragic as it was, lasted somewhat less than half an hour. H.M.S. *Enterprise* appeared on the scene also and remained standing by after the cargo ship had been towed to her resting place alongside the shore.

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Edisonian Philosophy.

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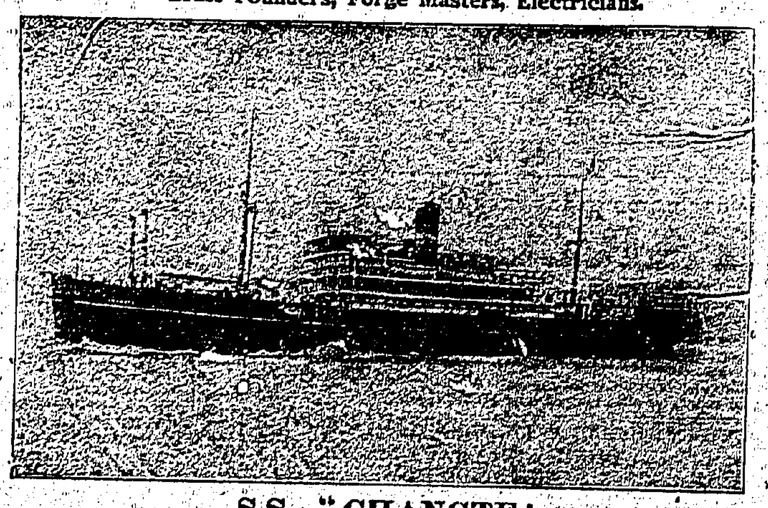
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ARRIVALS.

March 17th.

Aki Maru, Japanese str., 6,022 tons, Capt. S. Ikawa, from Melbourne and ports. She left Melbourne on February 19th, with 3,000 tons of general cargo and wool, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Canada Maru, Japanese str., 3,553 tons, Capt. K. Mori, from Moji, which port she left on March 12th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—O.S.K.

Empress of Canada, British str., 12,811 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, O.B.E., R.N.R., from Vancouver via Japan ports and Shanghai. The last mentioned port she left on March 15th, with 158½ tons of general cargo, lying at Taikoo Dock.—C.P.R.

General Metzinger, French str., 5,524 tons, Capt. F. Filippi, from Marseilles and Saigon. The latter port she left on March 12th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4.—Messageries Maritimes.

Ho Sang, British str., 5,697 tons, Capt. J. M. Wright, from Japan and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Huashan, Chinese str., 1,971 tons, Capt. O. Torgersen, from Saigon, which port she left on March 12th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B21.—M.B.K.

Menado Maru, Japanese str., 1,284 tons, Capt. N. Easaki, from Canton, with a cargo of medicine, lying at buoy No. C36.—O.S.K.

Wingwo, Chinese str., 503 tons, Capt. J. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at Saikong Wharf.—Yew Kee Co.

March 18th.

Hai Hong, British str., 1,270 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

Kueichow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. H. Carver, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei. The latter port she left on March 13th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34.—B. & S.

Mongolia, British str., 16,500 tons, Capt. B. J. Ohlson, from Yokohama and Shanghai. The former port she left on March 8th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Niitaka Maru, Japanese str., 1,258 tons, Capt. H. Ishikawa, from Saigon, which port she left on March 13th, with 2,445 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—Sato & Co.

Philoctetes, British str., 7,187 tons, Capt. H. E. Beale, from Tacoma *viâ* Miike. The latter port she left on March 14th, with 3,067 tons of general cargo, lying at buoy No. A52.—B. & S.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Taikoo Wanyi, British str., 1,876 tons, Capt. Byers, from Port Kamfa, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B54.—B. & S.

Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. E. D. de Muinck, from Canton, in ballast, lying at North Point.—A.P.C.

CLEARANCES.

March 18th.

Aki Maru, for Nagasaki.
Halldar, for Bangkok.
Hong Chong, for Swatow.
Knut Jarl, for Hongay.
Mongolia, for Singapore.
Sinkiang, for Canton.
Tai Lee, for Weihaiwei.
Tak Hing, for Autow.
Takshyuna, for Kobe.
Vulcanus, for Canton.
Waitai, for Canton.
Yuan Lee, for Amoy.
Yuan On, for Hoihow.

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VICTIM OF RECENT FOG.

During the dense fog of about ten days ago, the s.s. *Cheung On*, plying between here and Shanmei, ran aground outside Lyeeman.

She sustained slight damage to her hull through striking a rocky sea-bed. A further mishap occurred when she was being towed off the bank; the wire rope of the tug snapped and the *Cheung On* was carried back to the bank by the current and her stern was slightly damaged. She will now be docked for some days and the repairs will cost a considerable sum. This boat was laid up for several months during the boycott.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m. stated:

An area of moderately high pressure extends from N. China to S. Japan. A depression appears to be situated to the east of the Visayas. Moderate monsoon will prevail along the south-east coast of China and over the Northern China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds moderate; cloudy, rain.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per *Empress of Canada*, on March 18th, disembarking at Hong Kong: Mr. N. Sharp Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clarke, Mrs. Herbert Fawcett, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. J. H. Little, Mr. Chas. E. Wood, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. D. Hunter, Miss J. Crerar, Mr. John McMahon, Mr. L. Millman, Mr. L. C. Robinson, Mr. M. J. Sullivan, Mr. R. Clem, Mrs. Dung, Mr. W. E. Thommen, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Buyers and infant, Mr. A. Strok, Mr. F. Strahan, Mr. F. De M. Gherini, Major H. Tatlow, Mr. John M. Schmitz, Mr. M. P. Lowen, Sister Therese du Sacre-Coeur, Sister St. Phillipps, Sister St. Roche, Mrs. Mabel F. Hensley, Miss Mabel Hensley, Miss D. J. Hensley, Mr. M. Hofer, Miss Esther Liedholm, Mr. Robt. A. Negre, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Wardell, Miss J. Wardell, and Mr. A. Dodd.

Per R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, landing at Hong Kong, destinated to Manila: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Howe, Mr. John Silverthorne, Mr. C. H. Buxbaum, Mr. D. F. Morrison, Mr. E. Hilton, Mrs. F. M. Colbourne, Mr. H. R. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. L. Nelson and infant, Miss Ida McIlroy, Mr. John Roberts, Dr. M. H. Veloso, Miss A. Telegan, Mr. H. R. Douglas, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Weidemann and infant.

Per s.s. *Mongolia*, from Yokohama and Shanghai, on March 18th:—Sir Francis Aglen, Miss Addy, Miss B. Alleyne, Lt.-Cdr. N. H. Beaver, R.N., Miss L. Barham, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bromby, Master E. Bromby, Miss M. Bleakley, Mrs. W. Bowden and two children, Mr. G. Black, Miss K. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. Beaumont, Mrs. A. M. Burke-Scott, Mr. R. G. Boyd, Mr. J. T. W. Brooke, Miss Burlinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bull, Mr. J. Bahlke, Miss H. Bahlke, Mrs. W. R. Cockburn, Miss E. J. Churcher, Rev. and Mrs. H. Castle, Miss Christen, Mr. J. B. Coubro, Miss K. E. Deeks, Mrs. E. N. Dane, Master G. Dane, Master R. Dane, Miss E. M. Darroch, Mr. Dannistan, Rev. and Mrs. Donnithorne and child, Mr. F. E. Dudley, Mr. G. K. Doe, Miss K. Evans, Miss W. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elmore, Masters D. and S. Elmore, Miss Forsyth, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Foggitt, Master Foggitt, Miss Foggitt, Miss A. F. Fraser, Mrs. Feeley, Mr. A. E. Fraser, Mr. R. F. S. Gregson, Mrs. G. Goolden, Miss Goolden, Mrs. Gillon, Master Gillon, Mr. H. Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibb, Miss Gibb, Miss Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hubert, Mr. F. W. Hill, Mrs. E. G. Jamieson, Miss Jamieson, Mme. R. A. de Jauriss, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight and two infants, Master Knight, Brig.-General and Mrs. Koe, Miss G. Limi, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lauste, Master Lauste, Mr. Leighton, Miss F. E. Laird, Mr. J. McClatchie, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mathews and infant, Miss M. Murray, Miss R. Massey, Mr. A. McIntosh, Mrs. and Mrs. J. McCaig, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Murray, Masters Murray (2), Mrs. Martin and two infants, Mr. Naalsund, Miss C. Nicholson, Miss Nettleton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ockwell, Master Ockwell, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Oliver, Mr. E. G. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. F. M. Pembertson, Miss P. Pemberton, Mr. P. Peterson, Capt. and Mrs. Royle, Miss E. Reilly, Mrs. C. Stewart, Master Stewart, Lt.-Cdr. H. D. C. Stanistreet, R.N., Miss E. Spurling, Mrs. U. Soderstrom, Miss J. Soderstrom, Mr. F. E. Shindler, Rev. and Mrs. B. Smith, Miss Smith, Master Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Sutherland, Mister P. Sutherland, Miss B. Sutherland, Mr. W. Stead, Mr. R. A. Stuart, Mrs. Stuart and infant, Mr. A. Sapieha, Miss S. Schirbaum, Mr. C. S. Speyer, Mr. C. Thomson, Miss E. D. Todman, Miss A. I. Thomson, Miss E. Twidale, Miss A. Troheas, Miss A. Troheas, Mr. L. F. C. K. Thorn, Miss E. G. Watts, Mrs. E. G. Wray, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Watson, Mr. T. T. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Mr. T. T. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. N. White, Miss Whitworth, Mrs. V. B. Wilson and child, Master Wilson, Milss Wilson, Mr. A. D. Warren, Miss E. K. Warren, Mrs. and Miss Yeates.

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DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *General Metzinger*, from Hong Kong, on March 18th: Mr. and Mrs. Knoth, Mr. F. Lee Spratt, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Clement, Mr. Valkart, Mr. G. E. Huygen, Mr. F. Barnes, Mr. T. A. Slingsby, Mr. W. Thompson, Mr. D. Beraha, Rev. Fa. Bonanate, Miss U. Hansom, Mr. W. Sundheimer, also sailed M. Lo Kam of the Hong Kong Amusements and 60 Chinese saloon passengers.

Per s.s. Aki Maru on March 17th (European passengers):—Mr. H. Y. Evans, Mr. W. Hume, Mr. R. T. Lurre, Mr. H. S. Turner, Miss M. Johnson, Mrs. A. Poliakoff, Mrs. M. Zviagin, Mr. D. McEain, Mr. I. Zviagin.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 18th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.94	29.94	29.91
Temperature	59	19	61
Humidity	82	94	89
Wind—			
Direction	E	ESE	E
Force	4	3	4
Weather	O	OD	O
Rain	0.05	0.00	0.09

Highest open-air Temperature, 17th: 60
Lowest open-air Temperature, 18th: 57

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 19th to 25th, 1927.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat.	19	m10 20	5 2	m 4 11	1 4
		10 23 a	6 4	3 59 a	2 4
Sun.	20	m10 36	5 4	m 4 38	1 7
		10 49 a	6 0	4 35 a	2 3
Mon.	21	m10 54	5 5	m 5 3	2 0
		11 16 a	5 6	5 11 a	2 3
Tues.	22	m11 15	5 7	m 5 26	2 5
		11 51 a	5 1	5 49 a	2 3
Wed.	23	m11 40	5 8	m 5 46	2 9
				6 34 a	2 4
Thur.	24	m 0 39	4 6	m 6 4	3 2
		0 12 a	5 9	7 39 a	2 5
Fri.	25	m 1 46	4 1	m 8 21	3 5
		0 57 a	6 0	9 12 a	2 5

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AMAZONE ...B	25th Feb.	30th Mar.	28th April
CHENONCEAUX ...A	11th Mar.	12th April	10th May
ATHOS II ...A	25th Mar.	26th April	24th May
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SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Tuesday,	22nd Mar., at Noon
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSHING"	Tuesday,	22nd Mar., at Noon
SINGAPORE	"YUENSANG"	Tuesday,	22nd Mar., at 3 p.m.
CANTON	"HOPSANG"	Wednesday,	23rd Mar., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"FAUSANG"	Wednesday,	23rd Mar., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Saturday,	26th Mar., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Sunday,	27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday,	27th Mar., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday,	30th Mar., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Saturday,	2nd April, at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Thursday,	7th April, at 3 p.m.
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TAMBA MARU		Monday, 11th April

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

NAGANO MARU		Sunday, 20th March
GENOA MARU		Sunday, 27th March

RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOMIUBA MARU		Friday, 25th March

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Shipping Notes, Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL AND THROUGH CARGOES BELOW NORMAL.

BRITISH STEAMERS GOOD CONTRIBUTORS.

British arrivals yesterday were the best contributors to the amount of general cargo carried into this port and for other ports beyond Hong Kong. The total returns for inward and through cargoes, however, were still below the average.

There were in all 8,270 tons of general merchandise brought into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. Of these 7,353 tons were carried by five British vessels.

The two best returns were shown by the British steamers *Philoctetes* and *Kueichow*. The former from Tacoma and Miike, brought 3,067 tons and the latter arrival from Tientsin and Weichaiwei carried 2,000 tons.

In addition to the above there were also 5,545 tons of rice and 5,345 tons of brick and coal brought into the Colony.

Through cargoes totalled 12,579 tons, of which, 7,797 tons were manifestered on five British steamers.

The best returns were 3,925 tons and 2,712 tons. The former were on the *Philoctetes* (British) from Tacoma and Miike, and the latter were on the s.s. *Aki Maru*, from Melbourne and Manila.

During the period under review there were 13 arrivals and 17 departures. The nationalities were:—British, 5 arrivals and 7 departures; French, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Japanese, 4 arrivals and 5 departures; Chinese, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; American, 1 departure; Dutch, 1 departure.

The following were the cargo carriers:—

S.S. *Ho Sang* (British) from Kobe and Amoy, 1,810 tons general for Hong Kong and 655 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Philoctetes* (British) from Tacoma and Miike, 3,067 tons general for Hong Kong and 3,925 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Mongolia* (British) from Yokohama and Shanghai, 28 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,867 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Sinkiang* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 450 tons general for Hong Kong and 600 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Kueichow* (British) from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, 2,000 tons general for Hong Kong and 550 tons for Canton.

S.S. *La Fille de Paul Doumer* (French) from Saigon and Tourane, 1,096 tons rice and 80 tons flour for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Shinsei Maru No. 1* (Japanese) from Chinwangtao, 5,345 tons bricks and coal for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Canada Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji, 225 tons general for Hong Kong, and 2,158 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Manada Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Canton, 29 tons medicine for Hong Kong and 12 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Aki Maru* (Japanese) from Melbourne and Manila, 313 tons general for Hong Kong and 2,712 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Hua Shan* (Chinese) from Saigon, 3,449 tons rice for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Wing Wo* (Chinese) from Fort Bayard, 350 tons general for Hong Kong.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Five British soldiers returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. *Kueichow* from Tientsin and Weihaiwei.

The total number of deck passengers entering Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,381.

For dredging in the Naval anchorage, a fishing junk mistress was fined $7 or seven days' hard labour by Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday.

Mr. D. Tinling, manager of the Hong Kong office of the Dollar, Admiral Oriental and America Mail Lines, is leaving for America by the s.s. *President Pierce* on April 6th.

Mention was made this week that the s.s. *Ling Nam* had been sold. The figure is said to be $130,000, which is much less than the sum at which she was withdrawn when she last put up for auction.

On her down trip from Wuchow, the British river steamer *Ko Chow* grounded in shallow water and was delayed for some time. She has now reached Hong Kong and gone into dock, for the annual overhaul. No damage was done by the mishap.

Arriving from Australia and Manila, the s.s. *Aki Maru* landed 129 passengers at Hong Kong, of whom 22 were first class, 6 second class, 14 third class and 87 steerage. Through passengers totalled 92, of whom 6 were first class, 9 second class, 13 third class and 64 steerage.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Presidency Port Office, Madras under date of February 22nd.—The Cannamore Light has broken down. A temporary white light will be exhibited, which is of the ordinary ship's anchor light type, with a similar range.

The following goods, classified as dangerous were on the manifest of the s.s. *Canada Maru*, which arrived here yesterday from Yokohama and Moji:—24 cases nitric acid, 20 cases muriatic acid and 20 cases sulphuric acid for Hong Kong. For other ports there were 55 cases sulphuric acid and 50 cases safety match.

A sixth petition is reported to have been submitted, without success, to the Nationalist authorities for the release of the local small steamer *Ng Tai Chow* (Chinese flag) which was seized by the Canton Navy on grounds of alleged arms smuggling. This boat ran the strike pickets' cordon during the boycott and plied between Hong Kong and the Sze Yap districts, *viâ* Ma-lau-chau, outside Macao.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* arrived here yesterday morning from Vancouver, *viâ* Japan ports and Shanghai. She brought 271 passengers for Hong Kong, of whom 34 were first class; 55 second class, and 47 third class; the remainder being 155 Chinese steerage passengers. Landing here to proceed to Manila were 28 passengers, comprising:—Eleven first class; 9 second class; two third class and four steerage.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Afrika (Manners), due April 25th.
Annam (Manners), due March 23rd.
Arafura (E. & A.), due April 4th.
Atsuta Maru (N.Y.K.), due March 21st.
Calchas (Blue Funnel), due to-day.
Carmarthenshire (Jardine), due April 5th.
Changte (B. & S.), due April 8th.
Coblenz (Melchers), due April 22nd
Delta (P. & O.), due March 31st.
Devanha (P. & O.), due to-morrow, about 6 a.m.
Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due April 29th.
Eumaeus (Blue Funnel), due March 24th.
Fook Sang (Jardine), due to-morrow.
Franken (Melchers), due June 16th.
Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st.
Gambhira (B.I.), due March 26th.
Glaucus (Blue Funnel), due April 7th.
Glenbeg, (Jardine), due April 14th.
Glenfuce (Jardine), due March 22nd.
Glentara (Jardine), due May 1st.
Haruna Maru (N.Y.K.), due March 25th.
Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.
Heisen (Jebsen), due April 8th.
Janus (B.I. & Apcar), due March 23rd.
Jeypore (P. & O.), due April 19th.
Khiva (P. & O.), due April 14th.
Lahore (P. & O.), due March 26th.
Ludenwigshafen (Melchers), due April 8th.
Malwa (P. & O.), due March 31st.
Morea (P. & O.), due March 29th.
Mirzapore (P. & O.), due May 10th.
Nellore (P. & O.), due April 14th.
Pfalz (Melchers), due May 19th.
President Madison (D.S. and A.M.L.), due to-morrow.
Preussen (Jebsen), due May 19th.
St. Albans (E. & A), due April 1st
Shinko Maru (O.S.K.), due to-day.
Saarbruecken (Melchers), due Apr. 6th.
Salabangka (J.C.J.L.), due April 5th.
Schwaben (Melchers), due April 21st.
Tango Maru (N.Y.K.), due March 22nd.
Takada (B.I.), due March 24th.
Testa (B.I. & Apcar), due March 22nd.
Tilawa (B.I. & Apcar), due March 28th.
Tjipanas (J.C.J.L.), due March 25th.
Tjikarang (J.C.J.L.), due March 27th.
Tjileboet (J.C.J.L.), due March 28th.
Tjibodas (J.C.J.L.), due April 7th.
Tjisalak (J.C.J.L.), due March 29th.
Tjisaroea (J.C.J.L.), due April 10th.
Tjisondari (J.C.J.L.), due April 12th.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* has gone into dry dock at Taikoo and will not sail for Manila until after repairs have been completed.

The s.s. *General Metzinger* (Messageries Maritimes) which arrived with 788 passengers, sailed for Shanghai and Japan with 14 first class passengers, and 60 Chinese saloon passengers. Among those departing was Mr. Lo Kam of the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.

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"KHYBER"	9,114	14th April	Mar'les., L'don, Dunkirk, Antwerp, R'dam. & Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	16th April	Mar'les., London, Antwerp & Hull.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	6,853	11th May	S'pore, Penang, Columbo & B'bay
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	S'pore., Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,198	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"TAKADA"	6,949	28th March	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"JANUS"	4,824	10th April	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	16th April	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

*"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April	
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar., 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	22nd March	Kobe.
"TESTA"	6,296	24th March	Moji and Kobe.
"JANUS"	4,824	26th March	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"LAHORE"	5,252	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"JEYPORE"	7,648	13th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,853	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,138	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

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m.v. "JAPAN"		8th June, 1927

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m.v. "JAPAN"		30th April, 1927

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Straits	*Calchas*	19th Mar.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 17th Feb., & parcels, 10th Feb.)	*Devanha*	20th Mar.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Madison* ...	20th Mar.
Straits	*Fooksang*	20th Mar.
Shanghai	*Suiyang*	20th Mar.
Straits	*Asuka Maru* ...	21st Mar.
Shanghai	*Sunning*	21st Mar.
Japan...	*Tango Maru* ..	22nd Mar.
Straits	*Janus*	23rd Mar.
Japan & Shanghai	*Haruna Maru* ..	25th Mar.
Manila	*Emp. of Canada*	26th Mar.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
*Straits and Calcutta	*Hoseng*	Saturday, 19th, Parcels 9.00 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th April	*Mongolia* ...	Reg. 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
Japan	*Talthybius* ...	10.00 A.M.
Saigon	*Prosper*	3.30 P.M.
Amoy	*Ark King* ...	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaijo Maru* ..	Sunday, 20th, 8.30 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Anagaru*	8.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia	*Devanha* ...	9.00 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	*Shunko Maru* ...	9.00 A.M.
Wei Hai Wei	*Huichow*	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	*Sinkiang*	Monday, 21st, 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and *San Francisco—due San Francisco, 18th April & EUROPE via Siberia ..	*Taiyo Maru* ...	Tuesday, 22nd, Reg. 9.45 A.M. Parcels 10.30 A.M.
Sandakan	*Hinsang*	10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching* ..	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st April ...	*Adrastus*	Reg. 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Swatow	*Fausang* ...	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	*Ichang*	5.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 4th April	*Tango Maru*	Wednesday, 23rd, Reg. 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kotsu Maru* ..	5.00 P.M.
Straits	*Apoey*	Thursday, 24th, 8.30 A.M.
Batavia	*Tjikembang* ...	Friday, 25th, 11.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning*	1.00 P.M.
Straits Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th April	*Haruna Maru*	Saturday, 26th, Reg. 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	*Fook Sang* ...	Parcels Noon
Japan	*Kuisang*	Letters 1.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & *EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th April	*Paul Lecat* ...	Tuesday, 29th, Reg. 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.30 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorised Capital $50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up $20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £6,000,000
Silver $13,500,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors $20,000,000

Head Office: Hong Kong.

Court of Directors:
Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Chairman.
A. H. Compton, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
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Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang T. G. Weall, Esq.
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G. M. Young, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager:
A. C. Hynes, Esq.

Branches:—

Amoy	Hongkew	Peking
Bangkok	Iloilo	Penang
Batavia	Ipoh	Rangoon
Bombay	Johore	Saigon
Calcutta	Kobe	San Francisco
Canton	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Chefoo	London	Singapore
Colombo	Lyons	Sourabaya
Dairen	Malacca	Sungei Patani
Foochow	Manila	Tientsin
Haiphong	Moukden	Tokyo
Hamburg	Nagasaki	Tsingtao
Hankow	New York	Yokohama
Harbin		

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1927. [52

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. C. HYNES,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th March, 1927. [2

EQUITABLE EASTERN BANKING CORPORATION.
AN AMERICAN BANK.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS U.S. $3,000,000.00

HEAD OFFICE:
37, Wall Street, NEW YORK.

BRANCHES:
SHANGHAI.

General Banking and Exchange Business.
Interest Allowed on all Deposits.
Rates on Application.
London and Paris Agents:
EQUITABLE TRUST Co., of N.Y.
38] D. M. BIGGAR, Manager.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.
(Netherlands Trading Society).

Established 1824.
Hong Kong Branch established 1906.

Authorized Capital	Guilders 150,000,000 (£12,500,000)
Paid-up Capital ,,	80,000,000 (£6,666,670)
Reserve Fund ,,	21,117,340 (£1,759,778)
Special Reserves ,,	22,660,000 (£1,888,330)

Head Office:—Amsterdam.
Eastern Head Office:—Batavia.
Branches:—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng, Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Djember, Djokjakarta, Djeddah, The Hague, Kobe, Kota-Radja, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pecalongan, Penang, Pontianak, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Samarang, Shanghai, Singapore, Soerabaia, Soerakarta (Solo), Tegal, Tjilatjap, Weltevreden and Sibolga (Sumatra).
London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
Correspondents all over the World.
Banking Business of Every Description.
O. STEENSTRA,
Manager.
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THE BANK OF CHINA.
中國銀行

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorized Capital	$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	19,760,200.00
Reserve Fund	9,864,293.69

Head Office:—Peking.
Hong Kong Branch:—4, Queen's Road Central.
Branches and Sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.
London Bankers:—The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, The National Provincial Bank, Ltd.
New York Bankers:—The Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, The Irving Bank-Columbia Trust Co.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on Approved Securities.
Special facilities for domestic exchange.
TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hong Kong, January 10th, 1926. [38

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund	£1,350,000

Bankers:
The Bank of England and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Branches:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis (Mauritius)
Bombay	Kota Bharu	Rangoon
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Colombo	Kuantan (Pahang)	Simla
Delhi	Madras	Singapore
Galle	New York	Sourabaya
Hong Kong		
Howrah		

Hong Kong Branches:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central,
Hong Kong, June 17th, 1926. [29

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid-up)	Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund.....	Yen 92,500,000

Head Office: Yokohama.

Branches and Agencies at:

Alexandria	Honolulu	Rangoon
Batavia	Kai Yuen	Saigon
Bombay	Karachi	Soerabaya
Buenos Ayres	Kobe	San Francisco
Calcutta	London	Seattle
Canton	Lyons	Semarang
Changchun	Los Angeles	Shanghai
Dairen (Dalny)	Manila	Singapore
Fengtien (Mukden)	Nagasaki	Shimonoseki
Hamburg	Nagoya	Sydney
Hankow	Newchwang	Tientsin
Harbin	Osaka	Tokyo
Hong Kong	New York	Tsinanfu
Howrah	Rio de Janeiro	Tsingtau
	Vladivostock (Temporarily closed)	

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for Fixed Periods a rates to be obtained on application.
H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927. [35

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...	Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...	Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund ,.....	Frs.59,667,283.54

Branches:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
Cantho	Mengtsz	Shanghai
Canton	Nam-Dinh	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
Fort Bayard	Papeete	Tourane
Haiphong	Peking	Yunnanfou
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	

Bankers:
In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Générale.
In London: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
In New York: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trusty Co., of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
CHR. LEM,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1924. [32

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.
Head Office: Hong Kong.
10, Des Vœux Road Central.

Authorized Capital	$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital	5,000,000
Reserve Fund	1,200,000

Branches and Agencies.

Canton	Osaka	Haiphong
London	Singapore	Batavia
Seattle	Melbourne	Kowloon
Nagasaki	Calcutta	New York
Tientsin	Saigon	Kobe
Manila	San Francisco	Peking
Bombay	Taipeh	Rangoon
Shanghai	Tokyo	Sourabaya
Paris	Penang	Semarang
Honolulu		

Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Loans granted on approved securities.
Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.
Kan Tung Po,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1926.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
(Taiwan Ginko.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed ...	Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	Yen 39,375,000

Head Office:—Taipeh, Formosa.

Branches:
Japan:—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
Formosa:—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makong, Nanto, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takao, Tamsui, Toen, Heito, Taito.
China:—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
Others:—Hong Kong, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York, Calcutta.

London Bankers:
The London County Westminster and Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, Africa, &c.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.
T. TAKAGI,
Manager,
Hong Kong Branch,
8, Des Vœux Road, Central
Hong Kong, 11th May, 1923. [27

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.
Established 1912.
Head Office: Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Currency

Authorized Capital.....	$11,000,000
Paid-up Capital	8,864,200
Reserve Fund.....	700,000

Branches:—
Canton, Shanghai, Hankow, Swatow, Bangkok, New York and San Francisco.
London Bankers:—
The Lloyds Bank, Ltd.
Correspondents
In all Principal Cities of the World.
Foreign Exchange and Banking Business of every description transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes (various sizes) at a Yearly Rental of from $5 to $40.
LOOK POON SHAN,
37] Chief Manager.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital	£3,000,000
Reserve Fund	£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£3,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES.

Alor Star (Malay States)	Ipoh	Rangoon
Amritsar	Karachi	Saigon
Bangkok	Klang	Semarang
Batavia	Kobe	Shrewsbury
Bombay	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Calcutta	Kuala Selangor	Singapore
Canton	Kuching	Sourabaya
Cawnpore	Lumpur	Taiping
Cebu	Madras	(F.M.S.)
Colombo	Manila	Tavoy
Delhi	Medan	Tientsin
Haiphong	New York	Tokyo
Hamburg	Peking	Tsingtao
Hankow	Penang	Yokohama
Hong Kong	Peshawar	Zamboanga
Iloilo	Phuket	(Philippine Islands).

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
J. R. GEORGE,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.
(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.
Head Office:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

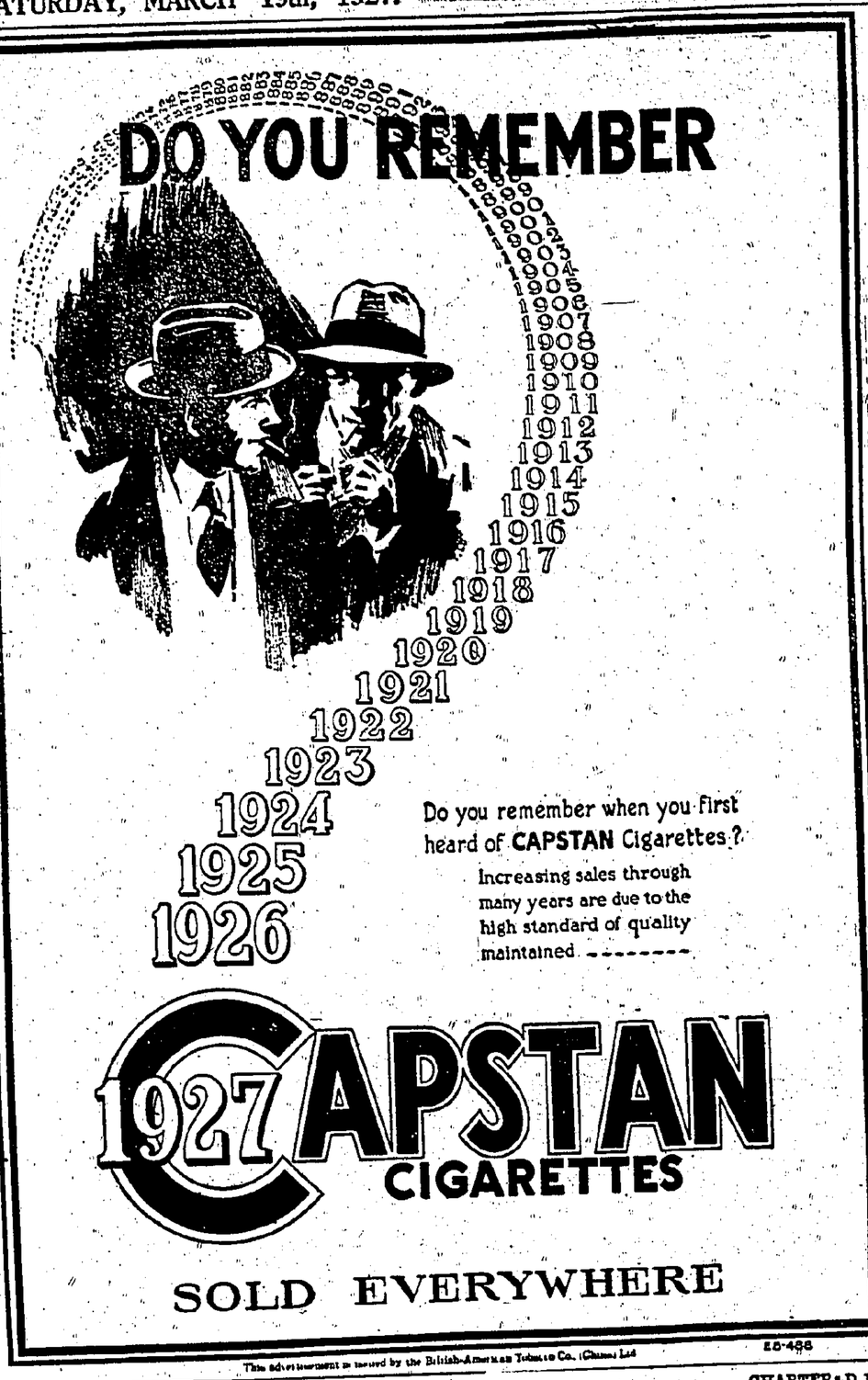
Capital	Frs. 20,000,000
Reserves	Frs. 11,160,000
Special Working Capital	Frs. 50,000,000

Branches:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Peking	Shanghai	Tientsin
Canton	Hong Kong	

Bankers:
France: Société Generalé, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 2nd December, 1925.



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LONDON SERVICE.

*"ADRASTUS"	22nd Mar.	Mars., L'don., Hull, R'dam. & H'burg.
"ANTENOR"	6th April	Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.
*"RHEXENOR"	19th April	Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Hamburg.
"HECTOR"	4th May	Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.

* Calls at Casablanca.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"PHILOCTETES"	23rd Mar.	Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"NINGCHOW"	15th April	Genoa, Havre & Liverpool.
"KEEMUN"	20th May	Genoa, Havre & Liverpool.
"THESEUS"	20th June	Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

PACIFIC SERVICE.
(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA)

"TALTHYBIUS"	19th March	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle
"ACHILLES"	7th April	Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"ATREUS"	25th Mar.	New York, Boston & Baltimore.
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PASSENGER SERVICE.

"ANTENOR"	6th April	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
"HECTOR"	4th May.	Singapore, Marseilles & London.
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"SARPEDON"	29th June	Singapore, Marseilles & London.

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